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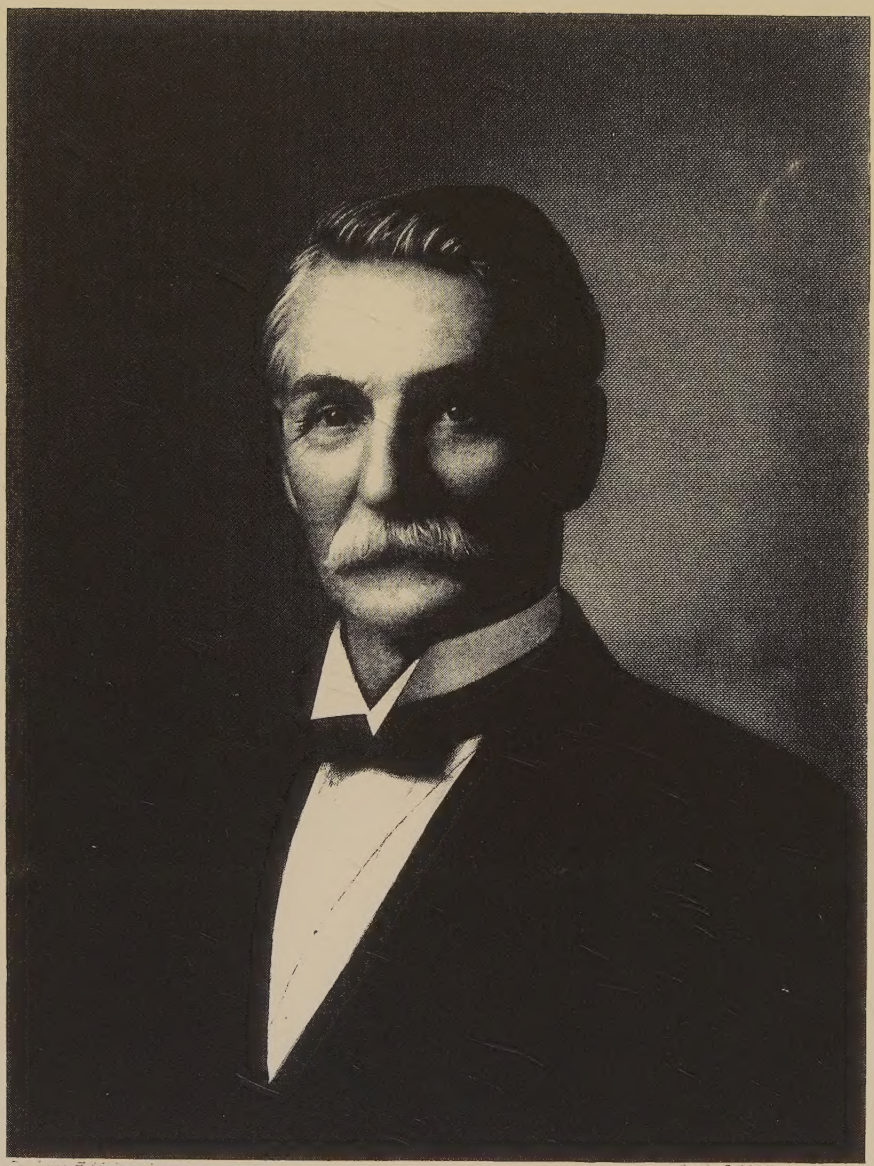

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A STANDARD HISTORY

OF

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History of Lorain County

Hon. David J. Nye. Through the last and most active forty years of his life during which he followed a constant, conservative and dignified career as lawyer, jurist and business man, David J. Nye has gained an eminence which probably has been surpassed by none and excelled by few in this community.

His rise from the lowly farmer's son to that of one of the foremost lawyers of the state, and one of the leaders in the civic and business life of Northern Ohio, was far from meteorical. It was accomplished only after years of close application and hard and consistent efforts in his chosen profession.

While the early years of his life are not of important historical note, yet they were busy ones and served to make up that formative period when boys of that age create for themselves their ideals of life, and form those conceptions which direct their footsteps in after years.

It was during this period that Mr. Nye conceived the idea of following the law as a profession and he formed his ideals of all that this profession stood for and demanded. With these ideals firmly fixed in his mind, he clung to them, and each step in his life was in furtherance of his aim to attain to the heights on which his desires were set. No matter what the endeavor cost him in work or denials, no matter what the sacrifice might be, he faced all in his hard struggle to reach his destined goal.

Born at Ellicott, Chautauqua County, New York, December 8, 1843, he was a son of Curtis F. and Susan Jerusha (Walkup) Nye. While his parents were of sturdy Vermont stock; his paternal ancestors trace their lineage to Benjamin Nye, the original founder of the Nye family in America. He was among the foremost of those early English pioneers who cast his lot with those who strove and struggled that a new nation might be born. Benjamin Nye and Katherine Tupper, who afterward became his wife, landed on the shores of New England in 1634 and made their home in Sandwich, Massachusetts, where they reared a family which has ever grown and prospered.

A few years ago the descendants of Benjamin Nye in this country, founded what is known as the Nye Family of America Association and Judge Nye was one of the prime movers in its organization and served as its president for two years.

The parents of Judge Nye, five years after the birth of their son David, moved from their farm at Ellicott to Otto, Cattaraugus County, New York, where they again took up the tillage of the soil and remained there until their death. During these years, Young Nye's work on his father's farm was interrupted only by a few months during the winter, with his attendance at the district school of his neighborhood.

Denied the privilege of serving his country during the great Civil conflict because of parental objections, two other brothers having enlisted, Mr. Nye turned his attention and concentrated his energies on his preparation for the future. He left his home and matriculated at

Randolph (New York) Academy in 1862 and spent the following winter in teaching school. The succeeding year he spent in practically the same manner. From that time forward, such time as was not occupied with teaching school, was spent in working on the farm for the purpose of accumulating a stipend to be used in further pursuit of learning.

Coming to Oberlin in the spring of 1866, he entered the preparatory department and a year later became a member of the freshman class of Oberlin College. Although his studies were interrupted by the necessity of teaching during the vacation, and doing other work during school terms, he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1871. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by the college in 1883. In his final year at Oberlin he also occupied the position of superintendent of the Public Schools at Milan, Ohio, and at the solicitation of the board of education, taught there another year after his graduation.

While in Oberlin and also at Milan, he devoted his spare time to laying a foundation for the law so that in August, 1872, he successfully passed the requirements for admission and was admitted to the bar at Elyria, Ohio. The same year he went to Emporia, Kansas, with a view to locating there and growing up in what was then a new country. But finding this location not suited to this tastes he returned to Elyria and took up the practice of law in earnest, associating himself with John C. Hale, who later became one of the leaders of the Cleveland bar, and a most worthy judge of the Circuit Court.

A year later he opened his own office for the practice of law, which he retained continuously until he went upon the Common Pleas bench in 1892. From 1881 to 1884, however, he served a creditable term as prosecuting attorney of Lorain County. At various times during his private practice in Elyria, he served as county school examiner, member of the city board of education and member of the city council.

With the unanimous approval of the members of the Lorain County bar, Mr. Nye's name was placed in nomination for judge of Common Pleas bench for the district composed of Lorain, Medina and Summit counties, at the judicial convention held at Medina in July, 1891. In the following November he was elected by a handsome majority and took his seat in February, 1892. Toward the close of his term, he received the nomination by acclamation for a second term and was re-elected for another five years.

Judge Nye's record on the bench is distinctly unique, both in the character and the amount of work which was accomplished. Taking the position at a time when the court docket was literally clogged with old cases, he set his energies at once to a clearing away of this accumulation of cases. He made it a rule that the attorneys should try their cases as they appeared on the assignment and the oldest cases were brought forward and disposed of with as great rapidity as justice would permit. After ten years of the most arduous and exacting labor, which for a time impaired his health, Judge Nye left as a heritage to his successor, a practically up-to-date assignment with scarcely a case on the dockets which had been started more than three years before.

Many were the decisions of great public importance that came from his pen. As a jurist he pursued a course of conservative, intelligent, wise and painstaking dignity, ever watchful for that true justice which is tempered with equity and mercy. It was with much relief that he often remarked that his duty never called upon him to impose a capital sentence upon one who was tried before him. During his long term he maintained a record of having had but one criminal case at which he presided, overruled by a higher court.

Probably a greater strain was never placed upon a judicial officer than during the trial of famous liquor cases of Elyria. Regardless of

the influence, violent threats and affidavits of prejudice that were used as a means to shake him, he clung tenaciously to his honest and fearless convictions that law and order should prevail.

His was a mind that concentrated itself upon a principle of law until the fundamental theories were solved and their application placed upon the case in question without regard to anything except right and justice, and yet ever guided by his own high conception of gentlemanly courtesy.

Among those of his decisions which will ever stand as precedents of jurisprudence in this state and nation, was one in which Judge Nye decided that the holder of National Bank shares had no right under the laws of Ohio to deduct his legal bona fide debts from the value of such shares. The Circuit Court of the county reversed Judge Nye, but the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Supreme Court of the United States sustained him, consequently setting a new and unique precedent in matters of the relation of Federal banks to counties and states.

On retiring at the end of his second term, Judge Nye again opened an office for the general practice of law, which he still maintains in his service to a large clientele. Significant of the respect and esteem in which Judge Nye has been held during his long career in this one community, is the fact that among his present clients are the grandchildren of some of those who formed his clientele in the early days of his practice in Elyria—three generations having continued to come to him for counsel and advice.

In 1911 the electors of Lorain County complimented Judge Nye by choosing him as one of its representatives to amend the state constitution. His work in the Fourth Constitutional Convention was of a high order, dignified, conservative and based on the sound judgment of a long experience and familiarity with legal and constitutional questions.

Shortly after the adoption of the amendments to the state constitution, it became necessary to draft new rules for the procedure in the newly established Courts of Appeals. Judge Nye was chosen by the president of the Ohio State Bar Association as a member of a committee of prominent lawyers of the state to assist the judges of the court to prepare regulations for its government, in accordance with the new constitutional requirements.

Ever a strong exponent for civic welfare and progress, he has interested himself in an advisory capacity as well as financially in the thriving industries of his city, which are making it a sound and prosperous manufacturing center.

It has been his joy to hold himself in readiness for any honorable service he might render to others and to the community in which he lives, and he has served as president of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, a contributor to the Elyria Hospital, and a member of the Elyria Hospital Company, and a member and contributor of the Y. M. C. A., besides giving liberally of his means and energies in many other lines of upbuilding.

In Masonic circles, Judge Nye has gained considerable prominence, having reached the highest pinnacle of this ancient and honored order, when in September, 1915, was conferred upon him, in Boston, Massachusetts, the thirty-third and highest degree in Masonry. He is a member of Oriental Commandery Knights Templars, of Cleveland, Ohio, and on the establishment of a commandery in Elyria, he was made an honorary member of the organization.

Politically, Judge Nye is a staunch republican and what honors he has received at the hands of his party, he has fully compensated for by his counsel and activity in the interests of the principles for which the party stands and the good it has accomplished.

On September 15, 1880, Judge Nye was united in marriage with Luna Fisher, daughter of Alfred Fisher, of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The Fisher family were pioneer settlers in Independence Township and were the highly honored and respected leaders of their community. Mrs. Nye has always been an active influence for good in her home and community, her inspiration being an important factor in Judge Nye's career.

Two children were born to Judge and Mrs. Nye. David Fisher Nye, born October 27, 1882, was graduated from the Elyria High School in 1902 and from Oberlin College in 1906. He received the degree of LL. B. from the law school of Western Reserve University in June, 1909, was admitted to the bar the same month and soon after formed a partnership with his father, under the firm name of D. J. and D. F. Nye. He was a most estimable young man and was considered one of the most promising young attorneys at the Lorain County bar. But his death on June 23, 1912, deprived his family and the community of one of its most cherished members.

Horace Hastings Nye, born August 4th, 1884, was graduated from Elyria High School in 1902 and from Oberlin College in 1908. He engaged in newspaper work for a few years and was afterwards, in 1915, graduated from the law school of Western Reserve University. He was admitted to the bar July 1, 1915. At the present time (1915) he is associated with his father in the practice of law in Elyria.

David S. Troxel. Twenty years ago a young business man of Denver, Colorado, but who had himself been reared in Ohio, where his family was established early in the nineteenth century, invented an improved form of bicycle saddle. The foot-power bicycle was then at the height of its popularity; automobiles were in the experimental stage of manufacture and almost unknown on public highways; while the motorcycle was still in the future. Leaving his Denver business Mr. Troxel came to Elyria and made arrangements for the manufacture of his saddle. From the first it was an article that filled a number of requirements demanded in a perfect saddle, and there has never been a year since in which the Troxel saddle has not been increased in efficiency, durability, appearance and comfort. Out of this beginning has been evolved the Troxel Manufacturing Company, makers of bicycle and motorcycle saddles and tool bags, and the goods of this now oldest saddle house in America has an established reputation over the world and have no superior in strength, style, symmetry and proportions. It is one of the leading industries of Elyria, and the plant has kept growing by additions and improved equipment, and now easily leads all other concerns of its kind. An interesting feature of the Troxel business, and one that shows the substantial character that is impressed on every single product along with excellence of material and special care in the making, is the unique guaranty that all goods are free from defects in material or workmanship, and the company states explicitly to its customers that they expect to and do live up to the guarantee to the letter.

The president of the Troxel Manufacturing Company, and the original inventor of its chief product, has been as public spirited and efficient as a citizen of Elyria as he has been successful as a manufacturer. David S. Troxel was born at the old Troxel homestead near Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, March 2, 1864. That old homestead has been in the family since 1826, and has been occupied by three successive generations of the name. The first of the name in the state was Peter Troxel, grandfather of the Elyria manufacturer. Born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1804, Peter Troxel when a young man of twenty-one, in

1825, came into Wayne County, Ohio, and soon afterwards settled on a farm near Wooster. A portion of the land he secured from the Government at the cost of $1.25 per acre. On that farm the father of David S. Troxel was born in 1833, and spent a long career as a farmer, with incidental honors paid him by his fellow citizens in election to local offices. His death occurred July 25, 1908. His wife, whose maiden name was Miss Sarah Shaum, was born near Wooster in 1834, and is now living in Wayne County at the advanced age of eighty-one.

The early associations and experiences of David S. Troxel were centered around the old Troxel farm in Wayne County. He attended district schools, helped in all forms and departments of the farm enterprise, but early manifested tendencies and ambitions for the commercial life. His preparatory experience in this direction was obtained as clerk in a country store where he began work in 1886 and remained one year. Realizing the need of better training, he then followed that with a course in a business college, and from Ohio sought a new field in the West, locating in Colorado. At Denver he became bookkeeper in a hardware store, but in 1889 engaged in the hardware business on his own account. He was the owner and active manager of this enterprise in Denver for nine years, and on returning East to manufacture his bicycle saddle, which he had invented in 1898, he left the store in charge of his brother, to whom he finally sold it in 1910. Mr. Troxel is still owner of property in Denver, but has no active business interests there. His home was in that city for ten years.

On bringing his invention to Elyria Mr. Troxel arranged for its manufacture by The Garford Manufacturing Company, but being convinced of its merits and encouraged by its progress in popularity he soon organized the Troxel Manufacturing Company, and has since been its president and manager. This company now occupies a large four-story building in Elyria and in order to keep in touch with the trade, now extended not only throughout the United States but to all countries where the bicycle and motorcycle are used, it issues a thirty-five page catalog descriptive of the various types of saddles, tool bags and other equipment.

In addition to his position as head of the Troxel Manufacturing Company, he is a director in the National Bank of Elyria, is vice president of the Tucker Woodworking Company at Sidney, Ohio, and a director and stockholder in a number of other enterprises at Elyria and elsewhere. He is one of the active members of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce.

The people of Elyria remember gratefully Mr. Troxell's administration as mayor. He was elected to that office in the fall of 1907, and began the duties of his two-year term on January 1, 1908. After an interval of two years he was again called to the same post in the fall of 1911, beginning his second term January 1, 1912. He made his administration efficient and businesslike, strictly non-partisan, and with a record of many substantial improvements. During the first term he secured the erection of two new fire stations, and inaugurated extensive street paving and sewer construction.

Mr. Troxel is a republican in politics, is a member of the Cleveland Athletic Club of Cleveland, of the Elyria Automobile Club, the Elyria Country Club, and finds his chief satisfaction in the way of recreation in the ancient game of golf. Fraternally he is affiliated with Elyria Lodge No. 456, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; Marshall Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Elyria Council Royal & Select Masons; Elyria Commandery of the Knights Templar; and Al Koran Shrine of Clevelaud.

On February 3, 1897, in Ashland County, Ohio, Mr. Troxel married

Miss Ida Brandt, who was born in Ashland County, a daughter of David and Catherine (Swartz) Brandt. Her mother is still living and resides in Jeromesville, Ashland County. Mr. and Mrs. Troxel have one daughter, Kathryn Ida. Mr. Troxel is the owner of three of the best modern apartment houses in Elyria and has considerable other property in the city.

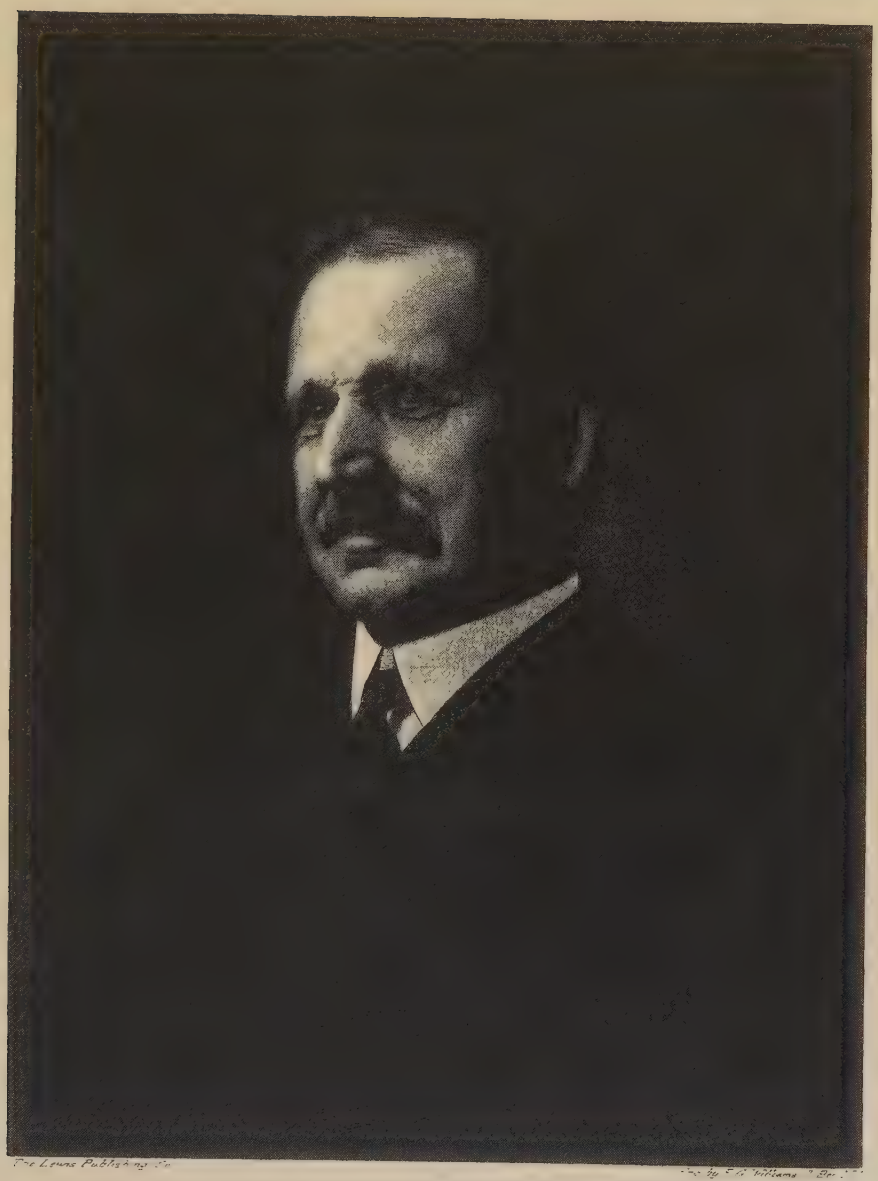
Sumner Burrell Day. One of the recent notable events that attracted wide attention in Lorain County was the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the first settlement in Sheffield Township. This celebration was held in August, 1915. Many of the descendants of the original pioneers went up Black River to what was once known as the Heyer Farm, now included in the site of the National Tube Company's plant, and by picnic festivities and a varied program celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Township of Sheffield. The spirit of this celebration was well indicated in the words of the invitations which were sent to descendants of pioneers in many parts of the country: "The glad remembrance of one hundred years of bounteous and righteous living for themselves and their ancestors in this town inspires the dwellers of Sheffield to invite their friends, especially the early settlers and their descendants, to a homecoming and celebration of this one hundredth anniversary."

Leaving out a general account of this celebration and the original founding of the township, which will be considered elsewhere, it may be briefly stated that the original owner of the land in Sheffield, William Hunt, sold the property to Capt. Jabez Burrell and Capt. John Day. This transaction, which occurred just 100 years ago, was the preliminary to the settlement of members of the Burrell, Day and a number of other families who are still represented by their descendants in this part of Ohio and elsewhere.

One of the oldest living representatives of the pioneer Day family in Lorain County was Sumner Burrell Day, whose death occurred November 29, 1915. He had long been prominent as a business man and banker of Elyria. Mr. Day was born at Sheffield, Ohio, April 19, 1842. He belonged to that numerous and prominent family of Days who have left the impress of their character and activities in many communities, both in New England and in the West. The original settler was Robert Day of Hartford, Connecticut, who died in 1648. Several registers of the descendants of this Robert Day have been published, and a brief account of the descent from Robert Day to Sumner B. Day has an appropriate place in this sketch.

Robert Day, who died at Hartford in 1648 at the age of forty-four, and whose interesting will, dated May 20, 1648, has been preserved in one of the publications of the genealogical register, emigrated to this country in April, 1634. He and his wife Mary came over on the bark Elizabeth to Boston, and he settled first in Newtown, now Cambridge. He was made a freeman of the town on May 6, 1635, but in 1639 was a resident, and one of the first settlers, at Hartford, Connecticut. He was probably one of the company which followed their pastor, Rev. Mr. Hooker to Hartford in 1636. For his second wife he married Editha Stebbins, and this wife was the mother of his son Thomas, who was the ancestor of the Springfield branch of the Day family and also of the Sheffield, Ohio, descendants.

Thomas Day, founder of the Springfield branch, died December 27, 1711. He was married October 27, 1659, to Sarah Cooper, daughter of Lieut. Thomas Cooper, who was killed when the town was burned by the Indians. She died November 21, 1726. They were the parents



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of a family of ten children, and the immediate line is carried forward through their son John, who was born September 20, 1673.

John, in the third generation, a resident at West Springfield, was married March 10, 1697, to Mary Smith of Hadley, who died February 28, 1742, at the age of sixty-five. On August 27, 1743, he married Hannah Kent of Hadley. John died November 20, 1752, at the age of seventy-nine. The children, all by the first wife, were ten in number, and the lineage is carried forward through their son William.

William, referred to as Captain William, was born October 23, 1713. For many years he was engaged in the seafaring business and had command of various vessels. He was married three times. About 1746-47, he married Polly, daughter of Col. John Day of Boston. She died in Jamaica about 1755. His second wife was the widow Eunice Ingersoll of Westfield. His third wife was Rhoda Hubbell of Litchfield, Connecticut, who died July 25, 1795. Captain William died at Sheffield March 22, 1797, at the age of eighty-three. As some of his children were identified with the early settlement of Northern Ohio it will be proper to mention their individual names: William, who was born about 1730; William Junius; Polly, who was born about 1749 and died in childhood; Mary, who was born April 26, 1772, and married Henry Root of Sheffield, Ohio, on September 10, 1800; John, who was the Lorain County pioneer already mentioned and referred to in the following paragraph; Ichamar H., born August 14, 1776; James, born June 7, 1780; and William, born March 8, 1787.

At this point it will be proper to introduce a copy of the document which indicates that one ancestor of the present family in Ohio had a part in those colonial movements which brought about the independence of this country. From the proceedings of the centennial celebration of the Town of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, held on June 18-19 in 1876, the following is a copy of what was called "The Preliminary Statement," a record made in 1776, as follows: "At a town meeting, legally called, held in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, on the 18th of June, 1776, Captain William Day being chosen moderator and Stephen Deevey being town clerk, the report of a committee consisting of Col. Ashley, Dr. Lemuel Barnard, Col. John Fellows, Col. Aaron Root, and Capt. Nath'el Austin—which committee was chosen 'to draw a resolve to send to the representative'—was heard, and

"It was put to vote—whether the inhabitants of the sd town of Sheffield, should the Honble. Continental Congress in their wisdom think prudent and for interest and safety of the American Colonies to declare sd colonies independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain, they the inhabitants of sd Sheffield will solemnly engage with their lives and fortunes to support them in their measures.

"Voted in the affirmative:

"Two dissent'g only.

"Wm. Day, Moderator."

John Day, the Lorain County pioneer, and a son of Captain William, was born February 3, 1774, and in 1816 brought his family to Sheffield, Ohio. He was married in 1794 to Lydia Austin of Sheffield, Massachusetts. He died in Lorain County October 8, 1827. The record of their children is as follows: Rhoda, born November 26, 1794, and died November 24, 1795; William, born December 15, 1796; Rhoda Maria, born March 29, 1799, died October 10, 1825; John 2d, born March 23, 1801; Norman, born January 24, 1803; Fanny, born April 3, 1805, and married on April 15, 1834, to William H. Root of Sheffield, Ohio; James, born August 27, 1807; Lydia, born March 5, 1810, and

married September 17, 1840; Kendrick K. Kinney of Oberlin; Kellogg, born January 23, 1813; Frederick, born February 12, 1815; Edmund, born February 24, 1818; and Eleanor, born July 13, 1820, and married April 3, 1840, James Austin of Sheffield. John Day, the father of these children, was in the fifth generation from the original Robert Day.

In the sixth generation was William Day, a son of the pioneer John Day. William was born December 15, 1796, and was about twenty years of age when the family came to Sheffield, Ohio. He died November 9, 1889. He was married May 6, 1832, to Augusta Burrell, of Sheffield, and also a representative of the group of pioneers who settled at Sheffield 100 years ago. She died October 9, 1887. Their children were: Huldah Maria, born March 5, 1833; William Augustus, born June 14, 1835; Henry Kellogg, born August 22, 1837; Marietta, born September 30, 1839; Sumner Burrell, born April 19, 1842; Eugene I., born April 12, 1847; and Everett E., born November 3, 1850.

Sumner Burrell Day, who therefore stood in the seventh generation of the Day family in America, grew up in Lorain County, gained his education at Sheffield and at Oberlin, and in early life was connected with the lumber industry. His home was in Elyria since 1885, and many important business achievements and institutions are associated with his name. He was president and builder of the Elyria, Grafton & Southern Electric Railway. From its foundation to his death he was a director in the Lorain County Banking Company, was its first vice president, and held that office until elected president, an office he held eight years. He was a director in the Elyria Lumber & Coal Company, in the Perry-Fay Company, and owned considerable real estate both at Elyria and elsewhere.

Mr. Day served as a trustee of the Lorain County Children's Home from its establishment. In politics he was a republican.

On May 28, 1867, at Russell, New York, he married Miss Sue Maria Knox, daughter of William Knox. Their two children, in the eighth generation of the family, are Lee Sumner and Edith M. Lee S. Day is a lawyer by profession. He married Maude Allen October 1, 1910, and the children of that union are: William Allen, born June 27, 1911; Bernice Elizabeth, born June 1, 1912, and died June 7, 1913; and twins Donna and Doris, born May 22, 1915; Edith M. is the wife of Asaph R. Jones, a well known Elyria citizen and a member of the present city council (1915). Mr. and Mrs. Jones were married November 9, 1898, and their children are: Ernest Lee, born April 1, 1901; Sumner Richard, born November 6, 1903; Roderic Orlando, born June 4, 1911; and Edith Lucile, born May 19, 1915.

In the genealogical register of the family of Robert Day is found an interesting account of the pioneer services rendered by various members of the family who came to Sheffield, Ohio, in 1816. In order to make this individual record more complete and also for its general historical importance considered with respect to Lorain County, the following is taken without formal quotation from the register already mentioned.

In 1794 John Day and Lydia Austin were married in Sheffield, Massachusetts, where they resided for twenty-one years until their removal to their new home in Ohio. Meanwhile ten children had come into the household. How in the world the mother, who at the time of her marriage is described as "a frail delicate girl of nineteen summers" could care for so large a family and look after the affairs of the household as they had to be looked after in those days it is difficult for us of this generation to comprehend. The youngest one of her children, Eleanor, thus describes these duties: "In the spring the flax was to be spun, woven into cloth and whitened for the family supply

of linen. That is a very short statement of the matter of supply, and conveys to those of the present day no idea of the amount and severity of the labor to be performed, of the many, many weary steps to be taken, the aches to be endured to accomplish all this. Later in the season the same process of spinning and weaving the wool was to be gone through with for their winter clothing; all this cloth had to be made up of course. The modern woman even with the aid of a good sewing machine considers it a great task, a burden she can scarce endure to do the family sewing and her housework too. What would they think if they had to make their cloth as well as our mothers did. Besides there was the butter and cheese to make, a large family to be fed and cared for, washing, ironing, mending, baking, brewing, cleaning and the many other things all housekeepers find to do, went on continually in the old home, the theater of our mother's unceasing industry. * * *"

The journey from Massachusetts to Ohio, which can now be made with comfort in sixteen hours, required then twenty-two days of arduous exertion and strenuous self denial. In January, 1815, Capt. John Day joined with Jabez Burrell in the purchase of the tract of land now known as Sheffield, Lorain County, Ohio. After persuading several other persons to share the purchase with them they came to Sheffield in June to explore the township and to select lots for themselves and friends. On the 27th of the following July, Captain Day and his wife and his nine children arrived at their destination in Ohio, after a journey in covered wagons of more than three weeks. As told also in another chapter, the heavy household goods and farming utensils had at Schenectady, New York, been loaded on a small, half-decked schooner of about fifteen tons burden which was sailed up the Mohawk, locked around the obstruction of Little Falls and thence drawn through the rude canal which led into Oneida Lake and thence through the Oswego River to Lake Ontario. At Queenston the schooner was unloaded, put upon cart wheels and drawn past Niagara Falls to Chippewa and there launched. Her cargo followed in like manner and was there reloaded. The schooner then proceeded through the lake and up Black River to the mouth of French Creek, where her cargo of salt and goods was landed on the Big Bottom.

A log house was soon built and the slow work of clearing the heavy forest begun. Here in the course of four years two other children were added to the household, making twelve in all. But they were surrounded with other households of proportionate size. Captain Burrell with his eight children arrived a few days later. Henry Root and his wife and six children had preceded them by two or three months, while Captain Smith with his eight children were already on the ground. Deer and bear abounded in the forest and fish were abundant in the river, thus affording ready made a considerable portion of the food which they required. But bears were not altogether pleasant neighbors.

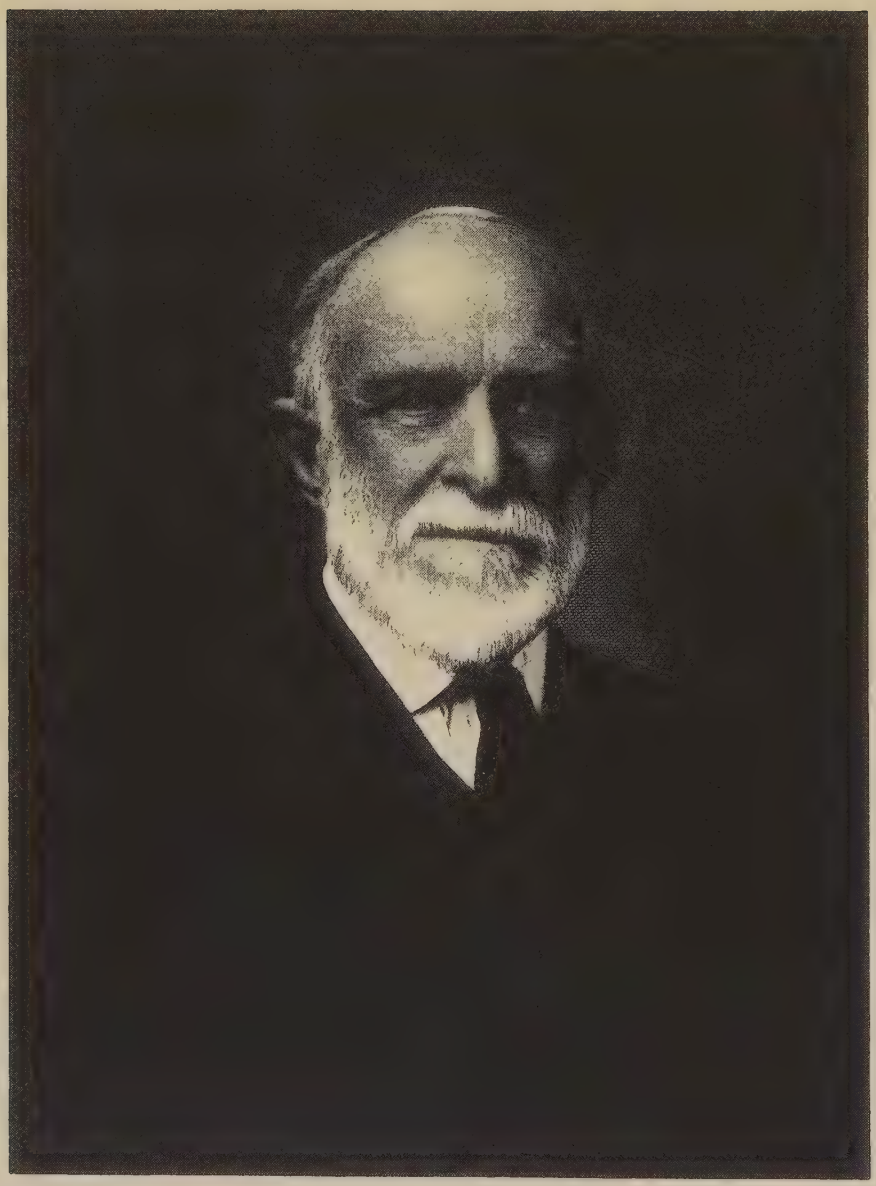
True to their traditions the Day family in Sheffield immediately set up religious and educational institutions. In the winter of 1816 religious meetings were commenced at the house of Captain Burrell, and in the absence of a clergyman a sermon was read. In the spring of 1817 Alvan Coe preached the first sermon. In the fall of the same year Rev. Alvin Hyde began regular services in Sheffield and adjoining towns, and in 1818 the Congregational Church was formed, William Day being one of the original members. A log schoolhouse was soon built, near where the church now stands, and the first school in it was taught by Preston Pond from Keene, New Hampshire. In June, 1824, the Town of Sheffield was organized by the county commissioners, and John Day chosen as one of the trustees. The interest in religion and education thus shown has continued in all the descendants of this pioneer family.

At one time or another nearly all of those who were born in Sheffield have pursued their higher education in Oberlin College, and it still remains true that nearly all the members of the family are professors of religion, and with Aunt Eleanor we can point with pride to the fact that the descendants of John Day "have never from their number furnished a criminal, or a drunkard, or a disreputable person of any kind." Not satisfied with knowledge attained in school, May, daughter of James Day, granddaughter of Capt. John Day and niece of Norman Day, became a recognized authority in the botany of Lorain County, so that she was constantly consulted by professors of Oberlin. The herbarium which she presented to the college contains some specimens that had not before been discovered in the county. Lydia, daughter of Norman, became an equal authority in the botany of the Rocky Mountain region.

In due time the new hive swarmed; and as pioneers went out from Sheffield to Massachusetts, so again they went out from Sheffield, Ohio, to carry with them their habits of industry, economy and upright life and spread broadcast the leaven so successfully brought from their ancestral home. Kellogg Day was for many years a missionary among the Cherokee Indians. Alfred, a son of John II, after having served three years in the Civil war took up his residence and reared a large family in Mondovi, Wisconsin. Many others went out from Lorain County and made their mark and impress on the citizenship and growth of various localities. The members of the family who served their country in the Civil war were: Hiram A. Disbrow, husband of Marietta; G. F. Wright, husband of Maria; Alfred, son of John; Henry C. Bacon, husband of Eliza F.; Cyrus Yale Durand, husband of Celia; and Frederic O., son of Frederick; while Carl Edmund, son of Frederic O., served in the Cuban war.

Hans P. Nielsen. In the person of Hans P. Nielsen, the City of Lorain has a citizen who has contributed to its upbuilding a conservative and reliable jewelry business, whose abilities have been solicited in the management and direction of a number of other enterprises, and whose talents have been utilized in serving the interests of the city in various positions of trust and importance. When he first came to this country Mr. Nielsen's assets consisted principally of ambition and determination and a thorough knowledge of an honorable and useful trade; with these as a foundation he has built up a structure of success that entitles him to a place of honor among the substantial men of his adopted city.

Mr. Nielsen was born June 1, 1851, in Denmark, and is a son of Jonathan and Christina Nielsen. He received his education in the public schools and his first experience was in the store of his father, who was a jeweler, and under whom he learned the trade, which included that of silversmith, as well as watch repairing. He worked in his native land until 1873, when he emigrated to the United States, first locating at Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for four years, and then coming to Lorain, where he established himself in business as a watchmaker. His first store was a modest one, with a small line, but his skill, fidelity and courtesy attracted custom to its door, and as business grew he found it necessary to enlarge his quarters. Each year found him adding to his stock and equipment, until he finally built his present store, a three-story structure, 30x100 feet, with the two upper floors devoted to apartments and the main floor occupied by his jewelry business and salesroom. Here he has a full and up-to-date stock of all kinds of watches, jewelry, diamonds and other precious stones, silverware, cut glass, etc., catering to the most representative trade in the city. The abilities that developed this business have not been allowed to remain tied up in it,



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for Mr. Nielsen has found the time and the energy to devote to other matters, of both a business and public character, and at the present time is a director of the Lorain Banking Company and secretary of the Citizens Home Savings Association, having held the latter office for a period of twenty-five years. Always a sincere and helpful friend of education, he is at this time vice president of the Lorain Board of Education and chairman of the new high school building committee. He was formerly a trustee of the Lorain Water Works and for five years was customs officer of the port of Lorain. His public life has been characterized by faithful performance of duty and the accomplishment of many benefits for the city of his adoption. Fraternally, Mr. Nielsen is affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has many friends.

On October 4, 1875, Mr. Nielsen was married to Miss Mikoline Mikkelsen, also a native of Denmark, and to this union there have been born eight children: Christina, who is the wife of Clarence Hitchcock, who is engaged in the insurance business at Lorain; Jonathan, who learned the jewelry business under his father and is now the proprietor of an establishment at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and one of the successful business men of that place; Anna, who is the wife of E. M. Timms, a marine engineer of Lorain; Gyde, who is the wife of Bert Boyes, a machinist of Lorain; Harry and Walter, bright and energetic young business men of Lorain, who are associated with their father in the jewelry business; Mildred, who is single and resides with her parents; and Florence, who is the wife of Frank Schworer, a carpenter of Lorain. Mr. Nielsen and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Orville Root. For more than half a century Orville Root has been an active factor in the life of Lorain County, as a farmer, county official, and banker. His family were among the very old settlers in the vicinity of Sheffield, and the ancestral line of the Roots extends back through nearly three centuries of American history.

The original spelling of the name was Roote, and John Roote, a son of John Roote, of Badby, Northamptonshire, England, came to America with a company of Puritans and was one of the first settlers of Farmington, Connecticut, in 1640. From the beginning he was a prominent citizen of the town, and his will indicates that he was a weaver by trade. One of the old records states: "Both John and his wife were in full communion with the Farmington Congregational church." He died in 1684, leaving an estate of $4,095. In 1640 John Roote married Mary, daughter of Thomas Kilbourne, of Wood Ditton, England. With her parents she came to America in the ship Increase in 1635, and died in 1697. The successive generations down to the present citizen of Lorain County may be indicated briefly as follows: 1. John and Mary (Kilbourne) Roote, of Farmington, Connecticut; 2. Thomas and Mary (Gridley) Roote, of Westfield, Massachusetts; 3. Ensign Joseph and Sarah Root, of Westfield, Massachusetts; 4. Colonel Aaron and Jerusha (Steele) Root, of Sheffield, Massachusetts; 5. Henry and Mary (Day) Root, of Sheffield, Massachusetts and Sheffield, Ohio, this being the generation which established its pioneer home within the limits of Lorain county; 6. William and Fanny (Day) Root, of Sheffield, Ohio; 7. Orville and Sarah (Howes) Root, of Sheffield, Ohio.

Mr. Orville Root was born at Sheffield, Ohio, in 1837. His father, William Henry Root, was born at Sheffield, Massachusetts, June 11, 1803, and was brought when little more than a child to Northern Ohio. He became a farmer, had only a common school education, was a member of the Congregational Church, and voted with the whig party until its dissolution and was afterwards a republican. He served as county

auditor of Lorain County from 1854 until 1860. His wife, Fanny Day Root, was born April 3, 1805, at Sheffield, Massachusetts, and in 1816 with her father and mother, John and Lydia (Austin) Day, came to Sheffield, Ohio. Her ancestor, Robert Day, came from Wales in 1634 on the bark Elizabeth, first settling in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and afterwards in Hartford, Connecticut.

The early life of Orville Root was spent in Lorain County during the '40s and '50s, in which time he completed his education in the Elyria High School. Farming was his regular vocation for many years, and he has gradually acquired other extensive interests, chiefly as a banker, in which capacity his name is well known throughout the county. From 1878 to 1888 he filled the office of auditor of Lorain County, having gone into that office less than twenty years after his father's last service in the same position. He is a republican in his political affiliations. Mrs. Root is a member of the Congregational Church of Lorain, Ohio.

On April 3, 1878, at Sheffield, Ohio, he married Sarah Ann Howes, daughter of William E. and Elizabeth Howes, of Elyria, Ohio, but formerly from Northamptonshire, England. Mr. and Mrs. Root have two children, Frances Elizabeth, born at Elyria, October 27, 1880, a graduate of Wells College, and from the Western Reserve Library School, married Mr. Albert K. Hibbard, of Cleveland, Ohio. They have two children: Robert Root Hibbard and William Loomis Hibbard. Harriet Maria Root, born at Elyria August 27, 1885, is a graduate of Wellesley College.

William Heldmyer. It is given to few men to impress their enterprise, their resources, more effectually upon a community than was true of the late William Heldmyer of Elyria. His was the familiar story of the poor boy who makes his own opportunities, and who succeeds as a result of hard and persistent toil and intelligent management. For more than thirty years Mr. Heldmyer was one of the foremost merchants of Lorain County, was a business builder who built up a number of organizations which are still vital factors in the commercial life of the community, and for years exercised a controlling power in the business affairs of this section.

A native of Medina County, Ohio, where he was born April 13, 1850, the late William Heldmyer was a son of Jacob and Julia Heldmyer, who in 1848 immigrated from Wuertemberg, Germany, establishing a home in Liverpool Township of Medina County, and in 1851 going to Ottawa County. Jacob Heldmyer was a harness maker by trade, but during his life in Ohio was chiefly a farmer. He died at Oak Harbor in 1856.

Partly owing to the early death of his father, the early lot of William Heldmyer was one of hard circumstance and limited opportunity. He gained the rudiments of an education in the country schools, and as far back as his memory could recall he was employed in some of the duties of farm work. Coming to Elyria in 1867, he found employment as a carpenter with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. He was careful, economical, faithful to his obligations, and wisely laid the foundation for his permanent success. In 1880 he became associated with the firm of Wright & Semple, under the name of Heldmyer, Wright & Semple in the hardware business at Elyria. He bought the interests of the other partners in 1883, and from that time until his death nearly thirty years later the hardware business was chief among his interests. In 1890 John Krantz became associated with him, and after that the style of the company was William Heldmyer & Company. In 1897 the business was incorporated as the Heldmyer Hardware Company, with Mr. Heldmyer as secretary and treasurer of the corporation. He was also a third owner and vice president of the Elyria Hardware Company.

He also owned stock and was a director in the Lorain Hardware Company and the Krantz Hardware Company, both at Lorain.

For many years his activities in the business world covered a large field. He was president of the Elyria Savings & Bank Company and one of its organizers; assisted in organizing and became president of the Lorain County Building & Loan Association; was also president of the Andwur Hotel Company. At one time his interest also extended to the lake marine and he was part owner in several vessels. The large Heldmyer Block where his hardware store was conducted in Elyria was erected by Mr. Heldmyer and in 1897 he organized the Elyria Building Company and constructed the Elyria Block. The burning of this central feature of the business section in 1909 caused him heavy losses and the many worries connected with the rebuilding of the new Elyria Block, which was completed in 1910 did much to undermine his health. Soon after its organization Mr. Heldmyer became a director in the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and was also a member at one time of the city council.

The immediate cause of Mr. Heldmyer's death was a fall from the fourth floor fire escape in the rear of the Elyria Building, and he was killed almost instantly. This sad loss to the business and civic community occurred July 2, 1912. In his will Mr. Heldmyer named his daughter Mrs. Hannaford as trustee of his entire estate, and for those large responsibilities she is eminently fitted, being one of the most capable business executives in Lorain County. In 1874 Mr. Heldmyer married Mary Beese, who was born at Elyria and died July 19, 1908, at the age of fifty-two. The children born to their marriage were: Florence J., Leona M., Alice C. and Harry M. The oldest daughter, Florence, had married Albert M. Hannaford just two weeks before her father's sudden death. She was married June 15, 1912, and she now has a son, John Roy Hannaford II, born June 16, 1913, and named for his grandfather Hannaford. Mrs. Hannaford has assumed active control of all the business and property interests of her father, succeeded to his place on the board of directors of the Elyria Savings & Banking Company, and is now the only woman in the State of Ohio to hold such a position. The daughter, Leona M., married James Garnett Tyler, and they now live in Los Angeles, California. Alice C. is the wife of Willard M. Taylor of Elyria. The son, Harry, also resides at Elyria.

Hon. George G. Washburn. A rare character both in its public service and in its varied influences upon the men and institutions of Elyria and of Lorain County was that of the late George G. Washburn, for many years distinguished in this part of Ohio as a journalist and editor, as a business man, and as one of the founders and for a number of years one of the board of managers of the reformatory at Mansfield. His active career covered a most vital period in the history of Lorain County and Ohio, beginning in the '40s and continuing until his death at his home in Elyria on June 8, 1898.

Though he was largely self-educated and depended upon his own efforts for self-advancement, he came of family and antecedents of such character, that much might be predicted of his life at its beginning. He was born November 24, 1821, at Orange, Grafton County, New Hampshire, a son of Azel Washburn, who was born at Lyme, New Hampshire, and is descended from an English family that settled near Boston very early in the history of that colony. Mr. Washburn's mother was Elizabeth N. Danforth. She was born at Londonderry, New Hampshire, and was closely related to the noted family of Greggs, members of which founded the Town of Londonderry. The Greggs are distinguished as having been the first to manufacture flax spinning wheels in America.

For a number of generations at least one male member of the Greggs family was taught the art of manufacturing that implement, and it is said that the last wheels of that kind were made in Elyria about 1838 by Col. William Greggs, now deceased.

As a boy both in New Hampshire and after the family came to Ohio George G. Washburn had many limitations interposed by circumstance between him and his ambitions for learning and attainment. There were no regular schools, and only for brief periods did his parents secure the services of a private instructor in their household for the training of their three sons. In 1832 the family removed from New Hampshire to Ohio, locating in Perry, now Lake County. For three years the sons attended the pioneer schools in that community. In 1835 the family came to Camden in Lorain County. This was then a wilderness country and the hard work involved in clearing up a new farm left little opportunity for growing boys to attend school. In that locality George G. Washburn spent seven years, and during the latter part of that period taught school during the winters.

In 1842 he removed to Brandenburg, Kentucky, where he conducted a private school, but soon returned to Ohio and for three years alternated between teaching in the winter months and in studying at Oberlin during the summer. In the spring of 1846 he removed to Elyria, where he became an articled student of law in the office of Hon. Philemon Bliss. Two years later he was admitted to the bar, and for a similar period practiced in partnership with Hon. Sylvester Bagg.

It was not in the law but in journalism that Mr. Washburn exercised his greatest influence in the life and affairs of Lorain County. His first introduction to that career came in 1850 when he was persuaded to edit the Elyria Courier. Most local newspapers of that time were organs of a political party, and the Courier was the mouthpiece for the whig party in Lorain County. In 1852, during the last presidential campaign in which the whig party was an entity, the office was destroyed by fire without insurance, and the entire investment was a total loss. However, Mr. Washburn had become thoroughly committed to journalism, had proved his ability as a trenchant and forceful writer, and the destruction of the plant proved no permanent bar to his continuance in the profession. He borrowed money enough to purchase a new outfit, gave up the practice of law, and was soon devoting all his time and energies to journalism. He was as successful in business management as he was as an editor. At that time it was hardly expected that a political organ would prove self-sustaining, and in fact such a newspaper proved usually a heavy tax upon the party. In a short time Mr. Washburn had brought his journal to independence financially, and in 1854 he merged it with the Independent Democrat. A number of years later he effected another consolidation, merging his enterprise with the Elyria Republican, and for a long term of years Mr. Washburn was the editor and proprietor of this old and influential Lorain County paper.

Outside of journalism his services extended in many other directions. At the beginning of the war in 1861 Governor Dennison appointed him secretary of the County Military Committee, and he was a member of that body until the close of the war, spending much time in visiting camps and battlefields in the interests of the soldiers of Lorain County. Although he was for many years active in the field of political warfare, he never sought any political honors for himself, and such offices as he did hold were accepted entirely from a desire to perform particular service. For a number of years he advocated a state institution as a reformatory for young men, and in order to carry out his plans effectively became a candidate for the Legislature, and served four years in that body. While in the Legislature he was author of the bill

which passed and provided for the establishment of the reformatory at Mansfield. It should be explained in passing that the reformatory at Mansfield has a somewhat distinctive character, and the ideal was present in the mind of Mr. Washburn when he planned and worked for the establishment of the institution. It could not be described as the usual type of reform school for boys, since the Mansfield Reformatory takes young men between the ages of seventeen and thirty, after weaknesses and bad habits have hardened in many cases into permanent lines of criminality. However, they are not irredeemable criminals, and the purpose of the reformatory is not penal so much as corrective and educative and has done much to replace old lives and methods of action with new. Mr. Washburn's work in behalf of the institution was followed by his appointment by Governor James G. Campbell on April 27, 1890, as a member of the board of managers for the reformatory, and he was reappointed April 27, 1895, by Governor William McKinley. During the last eleven years of his life the welfare of the Mansfield institution was the matter closest to his heart, and of all his services he perhaps found that the most satisfying.

In 1844 Mr. Washburn married Miss Luana M. Hill. She died in 1855, leaving two daughters. Celia Georgiana is now the wife of Henry Lee Lathrop of San Antonio, Texas. She has two children: Walter Washburn Lathrop, now a resident of Tacoma, Washington; and Alice Washburn Lathrop of San Antonio. The second daughter, Alice Mary, who married John M. Vincent of Fort Worth, Texas, died at Elyria August 12, 1888, leaving two daughters: Stella Louise, now living at Carmel, California; and Alice Vincent, who married Harry Court Coleman, of Dalhart, Texas.

In October, 1856, Mr. Washburn married at Buffalo, New York, Mrs. Sarah N. Oatman of that city. Mrs. Washburn is still living at the old residence on Washington Avenue which was built by Mr. Washburn forty-four years ago, and is one of the residential landmarks of many associations in the City of Elyria.

In 1858 Mr. Washburn became a stockholder in the Lorain Bank of Elyria, a branch of the old State Bank. This subsequently became the First National Bank. In addition to his service in the Legislature he was also a member of the city council and for six years was president of the school board. However, outside of his valuable work in behalf of the State Reformatory at Mansfield, he deserves to be best remembered for his strong influence and success as an editor and newspaper manager.

Leonard M. Moore. The development of an industry in a community is no less than an epitome of the growth and development of the community itself, for a municipality is composed of but an aggregation of industries about which gather a large army of men with their families who are in some way connected with the conduct of these business enterprises. The City of Lorain, with its numerous industries and far-reaching commerce, owes its growth and prosperity to its position as a manufacturing center and to its location as a distributing point. In this connection a contributing factor to this development has been the Lorain Lumber and Manufacturing Company, in operation for forty-four years, for much of the success of which credit must be given to its secretary and treasurer, Leonard Miller Moore, whose more than ordinary enterprise and sagacity have given him a leading position among the business men of Lorain.

Mr. Moore is a native son of Lorain County, born on a farm, February 20, 1869, his parents being Leonard W. and Amanda (Miller) Moore. His father, who is deceased, was a farmer. He was one of the prominent men of his locality, serving as township trustee for many

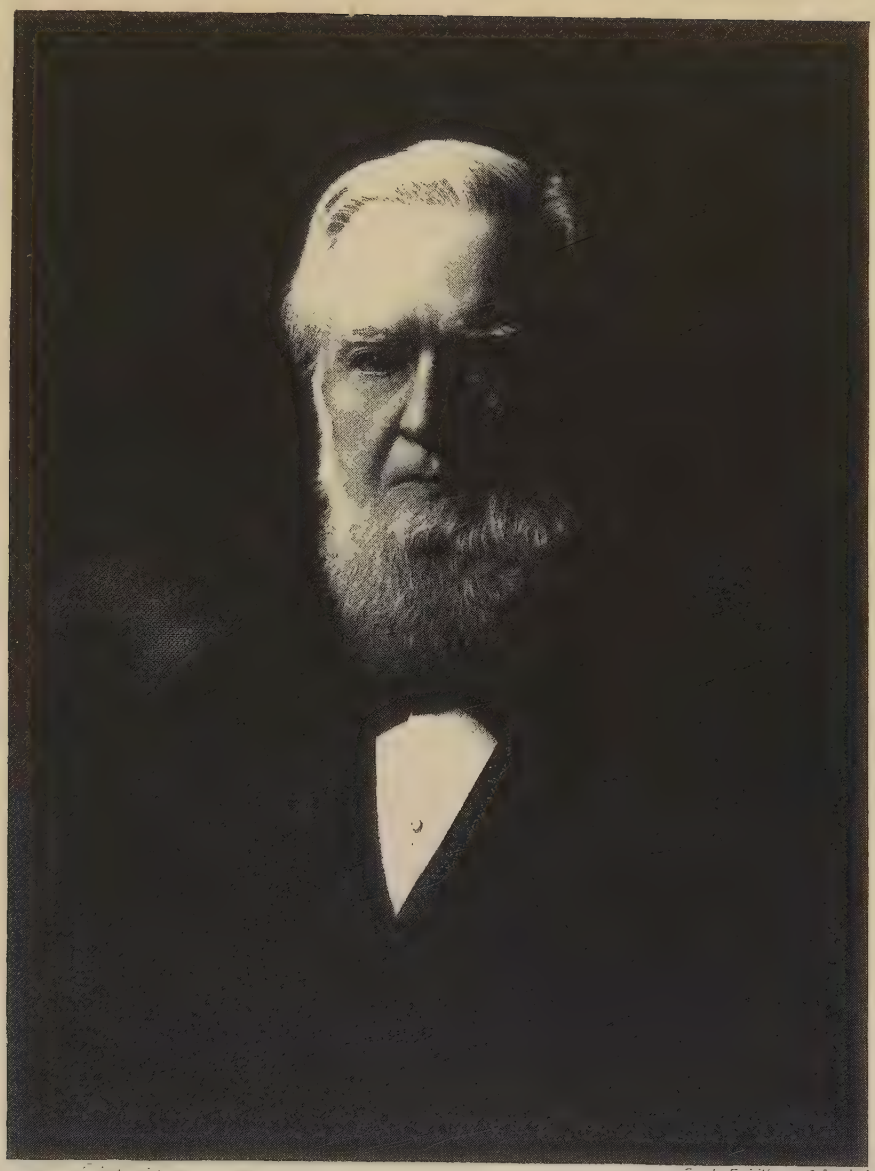
years, and after his removal to Lorain served as a member of the council for some time. Leonard Miller Moore was educated in the public schools, and when but a lad secured a position as office boy with the Lorain Lumber and Manufacturing Company. Later he was to become prominently identified with that business, but at that time he thought he saw better opportunities offered him elsewhere, and after a short time entered the office of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, in the capacity of bookkeeper. One year completed his experience in the field of journalism, he then going to Erie, Pennsylvania, which city he made his home for four years while he was gaining his training in planing mills and lumber yards and securing a knowledge of the business while employed as a bookkeeper.

In 1893 Mr. Moore returned to Lorain to accept the positions of secretary and treasurer of the Lorain Lumber and Manufacturing Company, the concern with which he had been connected at the outset of his career. This company was organized in 1881, being the outgrowth of the business operated under the style of Brown Brothers & Company, and which had been established in 1872. There are now fifty people employed in the lumber yards and planing mills, the plant covering five acres of land, and the present officers are: Isaac Honecker, president; Charles F. Friend, vice president; and Leonard M. Moore, secretary and treasurer. Wise in counsel, prudent in action, energetic in the discharge of his duties, and at all times displaying the highest order of integrity, Mr. Moore has won and retained the entire confidence and respect of his associates, and in business circles has an excellent reputation for ability and fidelity. In addition to the duties mentioned, he is serving as vice president of the Lorain Banking Company. For several years he served as a member of the council of Lorain, and during that time displayed an eagerness to further his city's interests that was commendable. At the fall election held in 1915 he was elected mayor of Lorain, taking the office January 1, 1916. The term of this office is two years. His fraternal connections are with the Masons, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree. His political views are those of the republican party and his religious affiliation with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee.

Mr. Moore was married March 15, 1895, to Miss Carrie Friend, daughter of Charles F. Friend, of Lorain, vice president of the Lorain Lumber and Manufacturing Company. Three children have been born to this union: Helen, Ruth A. and Eleanor A.

Judge Washington W. Boynton. For a period longer than the average lifetime Judge Boynton has been a member of the Ohio bar. To the present generation his distinguished services are sufficiently familiar. To those who read these pages in the future it will suffice to indicate his prominence by saying that for years he stood second to none as a member of the Cleveland bar, and that for five years he read his clear, logical and forceful opinions into the decisions of the Ohio Supreme Court. Lorain County will always regard him as one of its foremost citizens and one of its most distinguished native sons.

Born in Russia Township, Lorain County, January 27, 1833, Washington Wallace Boynton is the son of General Lewis D. and Ruth (Wellman) Boynton, both of whom were born and spent many years of their early lives in Belgrade, Maine, but in 1826 they removed to Ohio and established themselves as pioneers in Lorain County. Judge Boynton is directly descended from Sir Matthew Boynton, who was created a baronet May 25, 1618, and was a member of the English parliament during the reign of Charles I. His sympathies became enlisted on the side of the republican cause during the civil wars of England. His



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second son, named Matthew, married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Stapleton, and about 1632 emigrated to America and became identified with the New England Colony of Boyntons.

Gen. Lewis D. Boynton was born in Maine August 5, 1802, and his wife was born February 22, 1806. On coming to Lorain County General Boynton acquired a large tract of wild land in Russia Township. It is said that much of the land now included in that township was cleared under his superintendence and by men employed directly by him. He was a leader in thought and action in the early days, and at one time served as brigadier general of the State Militia. For the most part his years were spent in farming, and he died in September, 1871. His wife passed away on the old homestead in Russia Township January 27, 1840.

Judge Boynton is a product of pioneer circumstances of the old fashioned common schools and into his character were instilled much of the fine spirit that went with the building of homes and the clearing up of the wilderness district. While the hard work of a farm was his portion as a boy he was naturally studious, and he brought a superior judgment to every task. He attended the common schools and select schools, but gained much of his liberal education by dint of hard work with no stimulus save his own ambition. When he was only a boy the people of the community frequently remarked that "he was cut out for a lawyer." At the age of sixteen he taught his first term in a district school. From 1855 to 1857 he conducted a select school in Amherst Township. From 1857 to 1864 he served as county examiner of school teachers. In the meantime he had been industriously reading law. His director in those studies was his uncle, Elbridge Gerry Boynton, then a leading lawyer at Elyria.

It was in 1856, fifty-nine years ago, that Judge Boynton was admitted to the Ohio bar. However, his work as an educator continued for a year or so longer, and he did not begin active practice until 1858. His first partner was L. A. Sheldon, and they were together in practice at Elyria until 1861, when General Sheldon went out as lieutenant colonel of the Forty-second Ohio Regiment and subsequently gained distinction in the Union army. Judge Boynton was soon marked for official honor. He served as prosecuting attorney of Lorain County from 1859 to 1864, and in the meantime formed a partnership with John C. Hale. Owing to ill health Judge Boynton gave up his practice for one winter and lived in Minneapolis during that time, until he had sufficiently recuperated to resume his work in Lorain County.

His next partnership was with Laertes B. Smith, and their relationship continued for several years. It was interrupted when Governor Rutherford B. Hayes, afterwards President, appointed Mr. Boynton judge of the Common Pleas Court for the second subdivision for the Fourth Judicial District. His appointment came February 9, 1869, and he retired from the firm of Boynton & Smith and held his position on the Common Pleas Bench from 1869 to 1877. His district comprised the counties of Lorain, Medina and Summit. It was his splendid work as a common pleas judge that brought his qualifications to wider renown when on February 9, 1877, he took his seat on the Supreme Bench of Ohio. He had been elected to that office in October, 1876. For nearly five years he was one of the able members of that tribunal, and every well read lawyer in the state is familiar with some of his clear, crisp opinions delivered from that bench.

It was ill health that compelled Judge Boynton to retire from the Supreme Court in November, 1883, and small compensation for his work, and he soon afterwards located in the City of Cleveland. There he at once took rank with the ablest attorneys of a bar second to none

in the county. His law business soon taxed all his powers and he called to his aid his former associate, Judge John C. Hale, who resigned from the Common Pleas Bench to accept a partnership in Cleveland. The law firm of Boynton & Hale had few peers during its existence at Cleveland. In 1888 Norton T. Horr was admitted to the firm, which then became Boynton, Hale & Horr. In 1892 Judge Hale retired to accept a place as judge of the Circuit Court. The firm of Boynton & Horr handled the extensive business of the firm until January 1, 1897. Since then Judge Boynton has given his services as a special counsel and trial attorney in a number of the most important law cases settled before the Ohio and Federal courts. However, he no longer considers himself an active lawyer and he may be well satisfied to enjoy that "otium cum cignitate" which the old Romans regarded as one of the best ends of a useful life.

Judge Boynton, in spite of his many years of public service, has been essentially a lawyer. But he has been even more, a great and a good man. He has exercised splendid power as a speaker and pleader, and knows not only the law but also the sciences and general literature. At all times and under all circumstances he has been an honest and fearless advocate of the right. His general reading has been very extensive, and his knowledge of the affairs of the world and of the human heart has enabled him to meet with calm efficiency all the exigencies of a long career.

From the time it was founded Judge Boynton has been a loyal supporter of the republican party. During 1865-67 he represented Lorain County in the State Legslature. While in that body he offered the resolution providing for the elimination of the word "white" from the franchise qualification of the state constitution. This resolution was defeated in the House on the first vote, but a similar resolution was subsequently passed by the Senate. The similar resolution was adopted after a bitter contest by the Lower House, and was presented to the people for final action in the ensuing state election. It was on this issue essentially that the democratic party in Ohio was victorious over the republicans by more than 40,000 majority, and incidentally Allen G. Thurman went to the United States Senate from Ohio.

Of Judge Boynton's services as a local historian it is hardly necessary to speak here, since his direct and indirect contribution to this field have been acknowledged on other pages of this publication. In the publications of the Western Reserve Historical Society Tract No. 83 contains the historical address prepared and delivered by Judge Boynton on July 4, 1876, the American centennial anniversary. Much of his address pertains to local history in Lorain County. Judge Boynton has for over forty years been a director in the Savings Deposit Bank of Elyria and for five years served as vice president. He is well known all over the state, was for years a familiar figure in the City of Cleveland, and is still a member of the Union Club of that city.

He was married December 20, 1859, at Ridgeville, Ohio, to Miss Betsey A. Terrell. She was born at North Ridgeville, Lorain County, a daughter of Ichabod and Sally Terrell. At the birthplace and home of Mrs. Boynton Judge Boynton some years ago erected an attractive country home, and he lived there until 1906, when he removed to Elyria and he and his good wife have since occupied their home on Washington Avenue in that city.

Rev. Benjamin Tompsett Noakes, D. D. A thoroughly trained and capable English lawyer, practicing both in England and in America, the late Doctor Noakes was chiefly distinguished and is remembered in Lorain County for his prominence as a religious leader and as former

pastor of St. Andrew's parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Elyria. His daughter, Mrs. Henry J. Eady, is still living at Elyria.

A son of William and Mary Noakes, Benjamin Tompsett Noakes was born at Ticehurst, Sussex, England, March 25, 1828. After leaving school at the age of fifteen he was articled to Thomas Baker, Esq., in the City of London for the study of law. He received a certificate as an attorney in the courts of Queens Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, January 24, 1849, and on January 30, 1849, was made solicitor in the High Court of Chancery. He began the practice of law at Aylesbury in the County of Bucks, England, but in the early part of 1850 came to the United States and located in Rochester, New York.

After getting established in Rochester he returned to England and in St. Peter's Church, Walworth, London, on September 28, 1850, married Miss Sarah Piper. They returned to the United States and lived at Rochester until 1855. From childhood Doctor Noakes had been under the influence of strong religious convictions. He was a man who combined practicality and enthusiasm in everything he did. While at Rochester he helped to organize the first Young Men's Christian Association in America, became one of its charter members, and was thus a pioneer in the movement which has now spread to almost every city and town in the United States. On account of his religious convictions he finally gave up the practice of law altogether and entered the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Gambier, Ohio. He was ordained at Massillon, Ohio, by Bishop McIlvaine, April 25, 1857. In the same year he was called to his first pastorate at Elyria, becoming rector of what is now St. Andrew's Parish. Several years later in May, 1860, he was called to the Church of the Covenant at Philadelphia, but in 1870 again returned to St. Andrew's at Elyria. During his second pastorate he was largely instrumental in causing to be erected the stone church now occupied by St. Andrew's Parish.

In 1876 Doctor Noakes was called to a church in Cleveland, in which city he had his home until his death, which occurred on All Saints Day, November 1, 1904. His remains are interred in Lake View Cemetery at Cleveland.

Mrs. Noakes still lives in Cleveland. There were eight children born to their union, seven daughters and one son, and the four now living are: Mrs. T. L. Berry of Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. J. S. Van Eps of Cleveland; Miss Grace Noakes of Cleveland; and Mrs. Henry J. Eady of Elyria.

Henry J. Eady. For more than half a century Mr. Eady has been a resident of Elyria. Though now retired from active business, he still manifests a keen and intelligent interest in all that affects the welfare of his home city and county, and is widely and favorably known as a man of progress and public spirit. There is much that is stimulating and instructive in such a career as that of Henry J. Eady, who came to the United States without fame or fortune and through his own efforts lifted himself to the plane of prosperity and influence.

A native of England, born at Cottesbrooke, Northamptonshire, April 28, 1846, he comes of an old and substantial family of that country. His parents were Thomas and Susan (Holt) Eady. His grandfather, Samuel Eady, kept an inn at Brixworth during that interesting period before the construction of railways and when the stage coaches rolled along the highways over England.

In his native environment Henry J. Eady spent the first eighteen years of his life, and secured such education as the schools of his native county could bestow. In 1864 he set out for the United States, and his home has been in Elyria since the third day of December in that year.

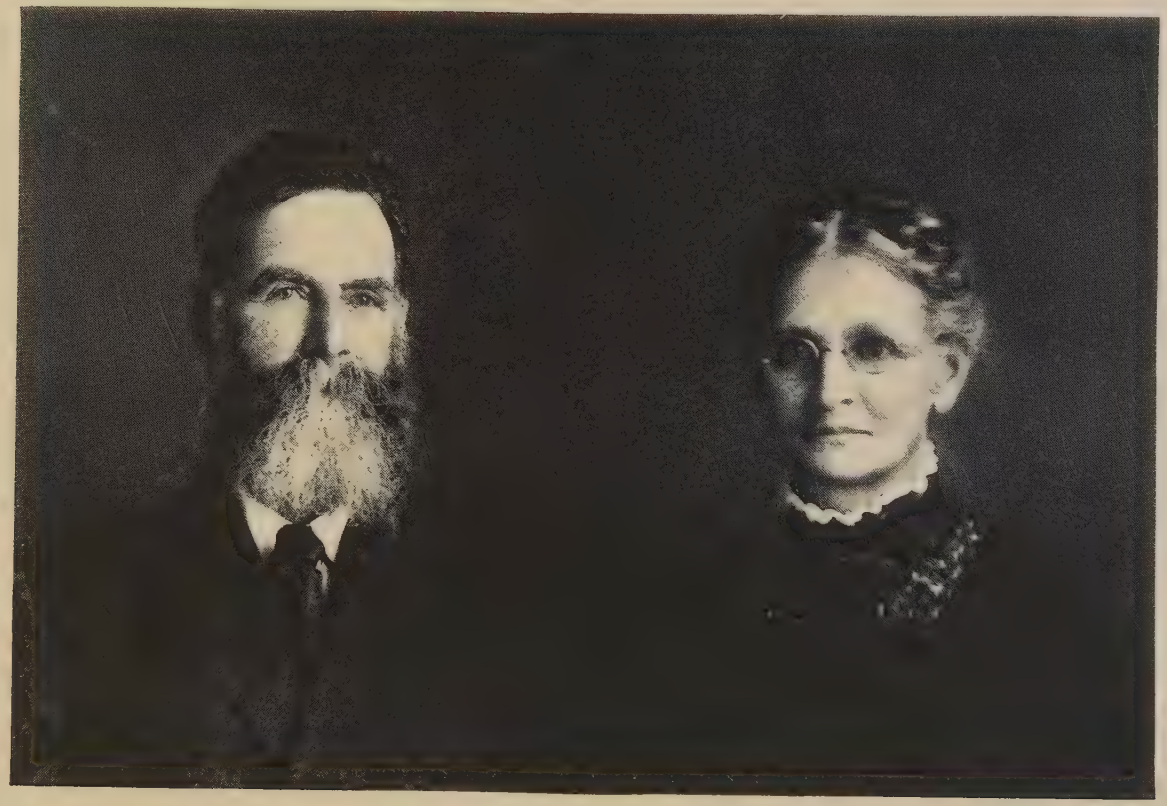
The Civil war was almost at its close, and he began life in this country at the rising tide of industry and prosperity which started about that time. His first employment was in farm work, subsequently he was in the factory of Topliff, Sampsell & Ely, but in 1868 began his real career as clerk in the drug store of W. H. Park. As a young man he was ever alert for opportunity, was a hard and faithful worker, and in a few years was able to realize his ambition of becoming an independent business man. In 1873 he opened a drug store on Cheapside, and in that locality he made his business a landmark and the central point for a large and flourishing business. It is said that for thirty-two years, from 1873 to 1905, Mr. Eady's store was never closed for a full day and there was no time when it was not under his direct supervision. A merchant who steadily pursues such a policy of industry and fair dealing as Mr. Eady necessarily prospers, and his prosperity has taken form in the construction of several prominent building improvements in Elyria. In 1885 he built a large three-story brick business block on the site of his first drug store at 106 Cheapside, and in 1892 put up a handsome brick block at 122 Cheapside, the latter being a combination store and apartment building and bearing the name Northampton, by which name he honored his native shire in England. Mr. Eady retired and sold his drug business in 1905, and has since been looking after his private investments.

In the past half century no citizen has manifested a finer public spirit and a more wholesome influence for the upbuilding and improvement of Elyria. Especially in later years, when he was able to relax somewhat his close attention to business, he has given much service to the public in official positions. From 1899 to 1903 he was a member of the Elyria city council, and in January, 1908, became president of the board of public service and continued in that office two years. He is a life member of The Elyria Memorial Hospital Company, an institution which is one of the finest of its kind in Ohio, and has been a member of its board of managers since its organization. For many years he has been identified with the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, has been prominent in fraternal circles, is a republican in politics, and for years has filled the office of warden in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Fraternally his relations are with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Honor, and in the latter organization he was for more than a quarter of a century its treasurer.

On February 16, 1876, about eleven years after he came to Elyria, and when he was already known as a rising young business man, Mr. Eady married Miss Charlotte Ellen Noakes. Mrs. Eady is a daughter of Rev. B. T. Noakes, well remembered as an Episcopal clergyman of Elyria and of whom separate mention is made in this work. Mr. Eady lives in a modern residence on Sixth Street, which he built in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Eady have lived over fifty-one years in almost one locality in Elyria.

Mr. Eady has crossed the Atlantic thirteen times. He returned the last time in November, 1914, leaving London Thanksgiving Day, 1914. He was in London when the present war broke out.

Samuel Davidson. The distinction of having been the most prosperous farmer of Lorain County might be properly claimed by Samuel Davidson of Camden Township. Something more than forty years ago, after a varied experience in some of the remote colonies of England, he came to Lorain County and started business as a farmer with a capital of $3,000. Since then his enterprise has rapidly grown and expanded, and he probably has as large a landed estate as any other farmer in Lorain County. For a great many years he carried on general farming



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL DAVIDSON

and dairying in connection with the raising of hogs, cattle and other live stock. His home farm lies about five miles southwest of Oberlin, and the house and other buildings and grounds constitute one of the most beautiful estates in the county. Mr. Davidson has erected most of the buildings on his land, including a large barn, and a comfortable and commodious frame house.

Samuel Davidson was born in County Down, Ireland, February 1, 1845, a son of John and Mary Ann (Brown) Davidson. His grandfather was Andrew Davidson, who spent his life as a farmer in the old country. The maternal grandfather was Robert Brown, who for twenty-one years was a regular soldier in the British army and who died in 1849. John Davidson, father of Samuel, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1819 and died in July, 1895. His wife was born at Drogheda, Ireland, in 1825 and died in 1899. They were married in Ireland and some years later in 1869 came to Lorain County, where they bought a farm and spent the rest of their days. About a year after John Davidson had come to this country he was followed by his family in 1870. There were nine children, six daughters and three sons, and those now living are: Samuel Davidson; Andrew, who lives in Missouri; Eliza, whose home is in New Zealand; Emily, Jennie and Mattie, all of whom reside in Toledo; Joseph, who is a resident of Los Angeles, California; and Alice, also a resident of Toledo. The parents were active members of the Presbyterian Church. John Davidson learned the blacksmith's trade in Ireland, but after coming to Lorain County followed farming. He affiliated with the democratic party.

Samuel Davidson received his early education in Irish schools. When about seventeen years of age he left Ireland on February 19, 1862, and went to Melbourne, Australia, and a year later to New Zealand, where he lived for about nine years. In those uttermost parts of the earth he followed gold mining chiefly, and acquired a modest capital which served as the foundation of his prosperity and enterprise after he came to Camden Township of Lorain County in 1872. Here his first purchase was ninety-five acres of partly cleared land. He set himself steadily to work to clear up the balance and improve it and he soon started a small dairy farm. Many of his friends say that everything Samuel Davidson undertakes turns out successfully and it is a fact that from the nucleus of land which he first acquired he has extended his investments until he now owns about 760 acres, all cultivated and managed directly by him.

On June 21, 1875, Mr. Davidson married Margaret Stranaghan, a daughter of Andrew and Agnes (Cantley) Stranaghan, both of whom were born in County Down, Ireland, and died in the old country. Mrs. Davidson came to this country with a young woman friend, stopped at Pittsburgh a time, but came to Camden Township in 1875. To their marriage have been born seven children: Agnes, wife of Otto Huene, a Lorain County farmer; William D., who lives on one of his father's farms; Andrew S., who assists his father in the farm management; Anna Eliza, wife of Lloyd Hudson, a Camden Township farmer; Emma G., wife of Willard A. Brumby of Camden Township; John F. of Camden Township; and Robert J., a farmer of the same township.

Mrs. Davidson was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Davidson while independent in political affiliation has been a very active citizen, and served Camden Township as trustee for three years and was a member of the school board for twelve years.

Patrick Henry Boynton. Many of the distinctions and services associated with the name Boynton in Lorain County were the product of the career of the late Patrick Henry Boynton, who as a member of

the Elyria bar for over forty years was one of the most accomplished and successful attorneys of the county. He continued active in his profession to the last day of his life, and died suddenly while reading in his library on April 28, 1911.

The Boynton family came from the State of Maine and established its home in the wilderness of Russia Township, Lorain County, as early as 1826. Patrick Henry Boynton was born in Russia Township, August 10, 1848, a son of John H. and Hulda (Heath) Boynton. His father, John Hancock Boynton, was long a familiar figure in business affairs of Elyria and died in that city in July, 1899.

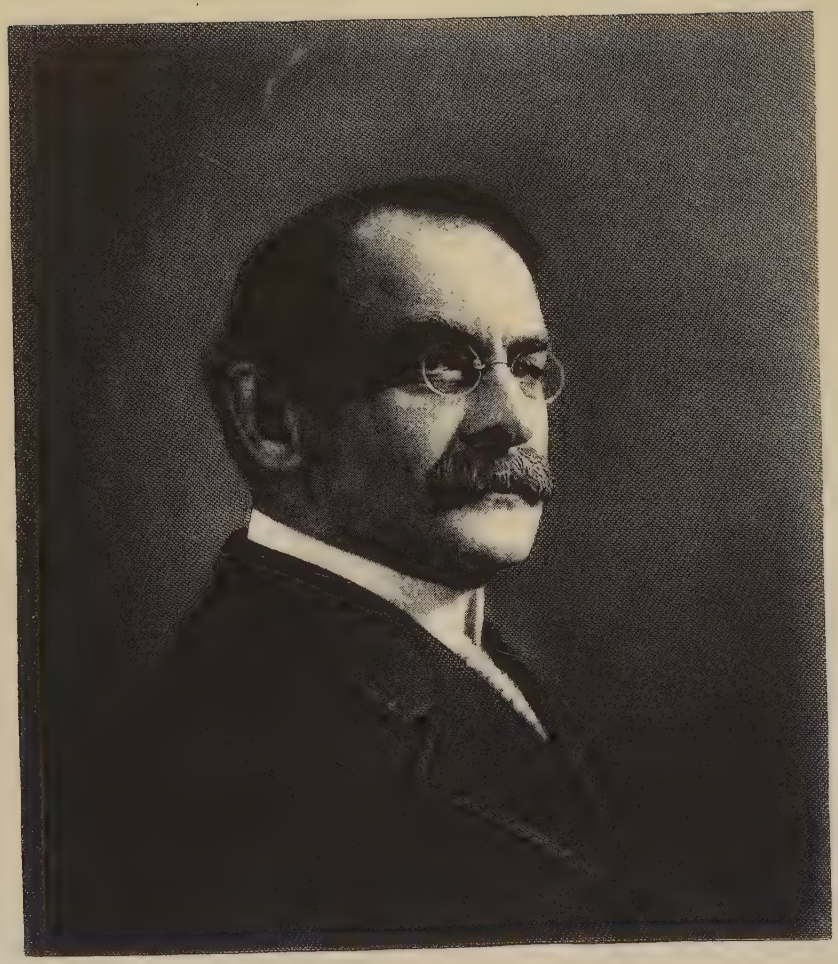
It was in the City of Elyria that Patrick H. Boynton spent nearly all his life, since when he was a child his parents established their home there. As a boy he attended the public schools, was also a student in Oberlin College and gained part of his legal education in the University of Michigan. For some time he read law in the office of John C. Hale, and in 1869 stood the test of examination and was admitted to the bar. From that time forward until his death he enjoyed a large and growing practice. He possessed a broad and thorough knowledge of the law, and had more than a local reputation for accuracy and painstaking industry. He was frequently called one of the best read lawyers in this part of Ohio. He was devoted to his profession but his mind ranged among many other fields and interests, and probably to a degree equal to any of his contemporaries he was truly cultured both in mind and character. He had a broad knowledge of general literature, and the occupation of the last hours of his life was reading.

His life should also be remembered for his public services. In 1888 he was elected mayor of Elyria, and was three times re-elected, and gave the city an administration notable for its efficiency and vigor. On retiring from the office of mayor he was made a waterworks trustee, became president of the board of trustees, and worked in that capacity until the waterworks system was placed under the control of the board of public service in 1903. Up to his death he served as referee in bankruptcy in the United States Court in Lorain County. He was active in Masonry, a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and his funeral was conducted under the auspices of the order.

An excellent estimate of what he was and what he stood for is contained in an editorial which appeared in the Elyria Democrat at the time of his death: "The death of P. H. Boynton takes from the activities of this city's life a man who has stood high in everybody's estimation for many years. While he was a conservative man in many ways undemonstrative, yet he won the respect of all who knew him by his innate sense of fairness and honesty. His ability in his profession was acknowledged and he was referee in many a legal tangle. He was deliberate in his opinions and stood uncompromisingly by his judgment. As a man who took delight in the fine and noble things in literature he set a high standard for the community, and to his friends he was a constant source of inspiration to the acquirement of those things which bring happiness and content in this busy world."

On December 30, 1875, Mr. Boynton married Miss Mary Townshend. Mrs. Boynton died at Elyria, March 7, 1915, and there are three sons and an adopted daughter who survive. A. J. Boynton of Elyria; H. Percy Boynton, of Cleveland; Sidney H., of Elyria; and Olga, now a student in Oberlin College.

Mrs. Boynton was born in Elyria, December 21, 1849, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Norton S. Townshend. The father was prominent in the affairs of the state, at various times was a member of the Legislature, was also a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1851-52, and filled a position in the faculty of the Ohio State University. He served during the Civil war as a medical inspector, and was professor of



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agriculture and was a pioneer in this field of technical education. Mrs. Boynton for many years stood for the highest things in the cultural activities of Elyria. She attended the public schools of Elyria as a girl, continued her education in the Lake Erie Seminary at Painesville, and it is said that her ambition to continue her education in the State University led that institution to adopt plans for coeducation. For the last several years of her life Mrs. Boynton suffered bereavement and much personal illness through which she set an example of rare Christian fortitude and bravery. She was always devoted to her home, and made it not only a place of material comfort but gave it the atmosphere most stimulating to real culture. Through all her years she continued to store her mind with the results of the best thought and information and was accomplished and learned in a number of different fields. She was a charter member of the Fortnightly Club, the oldest woman's club in Ohio and the first purely literary club in the state. She belonged to that club until her death and several times filled the chair of president. She was also one of the directors of the Lorain County Historical Society and filled a similar position with the Young Women's Christian Association, was a member of the Kozy Klub, and for many years attended and subsequently became an active member of the First Congregational Church. At the time of her death she was serving as corresponding secretary of the Historical Society, and had been identified with the Young Women's Christian Association from its inception.

Arthur L. Garford. In that big world of people outside of Lorain County the name Garford during the last twenty years has had many familiar associations with a very high grade of manufactured products and business service. During the decade of the '90s when nearly everybody in the United States were riding bicycles, something like two or three million people knew the name because it was associated with the most popular and best saddle used on that popular vehicle. In later years the name has had a growing significance not only in the higher circles of manufacturing and general commerce but also in politics. The State of Ohio has no more capable personality in giving vitality to the modern ideals of social democracy and the progressive political movement than Arthur L. Garford of Elyria.

His influential relations with business affairs are well illustrated by a brief list of the large concerns with which he is officially identified. He is president of The Garford Manufacturing Company, president of The Cleveland Automatic Machine Company of Cleveland, president of the Republican Printing Company of Elyria, president of The Worthington Company of Elyria, treasurer of The Garford Engineering Company, chairman of the executive committee of The Elyria Lace Manufacturing Company, a director of The Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Company of Elyria, and a director of The Perry-Fay Manufacturing Company of Elyria. From the limits of Lorain County, in which he was born and which has been his home throughout his life, the influence of his work and varied activities have spread far and wide.

The farm on which he was born August 4, 1858, is now included within the city limits of Elyria. Arthur Lovett Garford is a son of Georgia and Hannah (Lovett) Garford, the former a native of Northamptonshire and the latter of Leicestershire, England. The paternal grandfather, William Garford, was for many years custodian and manager of a large English estate, upon which his ancestors had lived for generations. The maternal grandfather, Edward Lovett, was a silk and lace manufacturer in England, one of his sons was manager of the large factory and another son served many years in the British navy. George Garford, who was born in 1829, and was married in 1850 to Miss Hannah Lovett, in 1852 came to the United States and to Elyria.

In 1853 he sent for his young wife and their first child. The parents resided in Lorain County for more than sixty years and until the time of their death. George Garford was a famed landscape gardener when he came to Lorain County, but subsequently gained a national reputation as a breeder and raiser of live stock, exhibiting his sheep and cattle at state and county fairs throughout the Central West, and from 1863 until 1882 was proprietor of the Elywood Stock Farm in Elyria, Lorain County.

Arthur L. Garford grew up on his father's farm, and in 1875 graduated from the Elyria High School. Two years later, at the age of nineteen, he became cashier in the china importing house of Rice & Burnett at Cleveland, the following year was promoted to head bookkeeper, but in 1880 resigned to accept a position as bookkeeper in the Savings Deposit Bank of Elyria. He was promoted to teller in 1882 and in 1884 to assistant cashier, and in 1891 to cashier, from which office he resigned in 1892, having in the meantime organized the Garford Manufacturing Company.

Several years ago a special correspondent of the Cleveland Leader wrote an interesting article whose language will be used to describe Mr. Garford's entrance into the manufacturing field: "The sedentary life told on him, however, and to get fresh air and exercise he took to the bicycle. High wheels were then the rage, and Mr. Garford had several falls, some of them rather serious. He wondered if something could not be done to prevent falling from the bicycle. He studied the matter, and the invention of the famous Garford bicycle saddle was the result. He patented the invention and offered to sell the patent to a Chicago manufacturer for a hundred dollars. The tender was refused and Mr. Garford made a contract with an Elyria factory for a large number of saddles. Before these could be marketed the low or safety wheels supplanted the high wheels in public favor. He had several thousand saddles on his hands and failure seemed to be staring him in the face. He didn't lose courage, but devised a plan by which his saddles could be remodeled for the low wheel. For three years the sales continued to increase, and then occurred the burning of the factory in which the saddles were made, destroying the entire stock. The success of his invention had been assured, however, and in 1892 Mr. Garford built a mill of his own for the manufacture of the saddles. The Garford saddle became the most popular in the country, and the inventor's concern, as it developed, picked up rival companies, until it controlled the bicycle-saddle industry of the United States. A million saddles a year were made. The companies were consolidated, and Mr. Garford formed the American Saddle Company, a great success. The saddle company was in turn absorbed by the American Bicycle Company, of which Mr. Garford became treasurer. He subsequently withdrew from the concern and organized the Automobile & Cycle Parts Company, whose title was later changed to the Federal Manufacturing Company, which had nine mills, located in Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and other cities. The controlling interest was owned by the Pope Manufacturing Company, successor to the American Bicycle Company. Mr. Garford resigned as president of The Federal Manufacturing Company and purchased its automobile-parts plant in Cleveland and Elyria, forming the Garford Company in 1905. The Federal Company was organized in 1901 and was capitalized for five million dollars. In 1907 Mr. Garford built the large automobile factory in Elyria and the same is operated under the title of The Garford Company. The great Studebaker Company, manufacturers of vehicles, became interested, but Mr. Garford retained control of the concern of which he is the executive head, and the plant constitutes one of the largest auto-

mobile factories in the land. In 1902 Mr. Garford went to France and reorganized, with a commission for the owners, The Cleveland Machine Screw Company, under the name of The Cleveland Automatic Machine Company. This corporation has an extensive plant in Cleveland and controls a large business throughout the United States and the European continent and England."

In 1903 Mr. Garford organized The Columbia Steel Works of Elyria, where he built its fine plant, and also built the plant of The Worthington Company, of which he is president. In 1895 he organized the Fay Manufacturing Company, of which he became president, this being succeeded by The Worthington Manufacturing Company, and in 1905 he was a prime factor in organizing The Perry-Fay Manufacturing Company, of which he is still a director. He owns the controlling interest in The Cleveland Automatic Machine Company, a $1,000,000 corporation. He secured the controlling interest in The Republican Printing Company of Elyria in 1898, this company publishing The Elyria Evening Telegram, one of the leading dailies of Northern Ohio. In 1907 Mr. Garford assisted in organizing The American Lace Manufacturing Company of Elyria. If is apparent that he has not only the technical genius which underlies all successful manufacturing, but also has developed to a high degree the executive and organizing faculty, and has never touched an enterprise without making a success of it.

Of his character as a business man the article from which quotation has already been made speaks as follows: "Mr. Garford is of the best type of the successful business man. He finds time not only to build up his material fortunes but also to build up his city and to do his duty as a citizen. The story of his career is an object lesson for ambitious, courageous young men. It shows what may be accomplished by the man of energy in a comparatively few years by means of push and vigor and without deserting the hearthstone about which he played as a boy. The home in which he was born is within the city limits of Elyria. In his early youth his parents removed to a farm, now also a part of Elyria. It was on this farm that young Garford was reared. The frame house in which he lived when first married stands upon it today, and on the same farm is the commodious and artistic modern stone residence which is now his home. Mr. Garford believes the secret of accomplishment is the economy of time and energy. He always finds time to do what he has in mind. He methodically divides his time, and thus manages to give necessary attention not only to his varied business enterprises but also to politics, to church and to various interests of the community. Mr. Garford is a long-distance thinker. He has a creative mind. When he looks into a proposition he analyzes it thoroughly and draws a logical deduction of what there is in the future for it. When he makes up his mind to go ahead with a venture, be it business or political, he puts common sense and industry behind it."

Taking up his varied interests outside of manufacturing, Mr. Garford assisted in organizing and was the first president of The Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and also was the organizer of the old Elyria Board of Commerce and at one time was its president. He is now chairman of the board of trustees of the public library of Elyria, and is president of the Elyria Y. M. C. A. and a member of the board of trustees of the Y. W. C. A. He is a member of the National Civic Federation, a member of the Ohio Society of New York, member of the Engineers Society of New York, belongs to the Union Athletic Club of Cleveland, the Cleveland Athletic Club, is a charter member and was first president of the Elyria Country Club, is a life member of the Republican Western Reserve Club, and he and his wife are active in the First Congregational Church.

It was Mr. Garford who called the first meeting of local citizens to promote the movement to secure a pure water supply from Lake Erie, and was one of the leaders in the long campaign of seven years which was required to accomplish the result. This is a sample of his disinterested work and public spirit in local affairs, and he has carried the same ideals and practical honesty into the broader field of politics.

At three different times Mr. Garford was elected delegate to republican national conventions from the Fourteenth Congressional District, and was a member of the State Central Committee nine years. He was a delegate to the convention of 1896 when McKinley was nominated, and in 1908 was in the convention at Chicago which nominated President Taft. He was already recognized at that time as one of the leaders in the Ohio movement for the securing of important reforms within the republican party organization, and this progressive stand led him naturally into the ranks of the national progressive party in 1912. He was chairman of the Ohio delegates at the republican convention in 1912, and was a candidate for governor before the Republican State Convention at Columbus a couple of weeks later as a progressive republican. For several ballots his name led all others, and his nomination was apparently assured, but on the next ballot he was defeated by a combination of all other reactionary candidates, who concentrated on Judge Dillon of Columbus as a dark horse. Later he joined the progressive party and his name was placed on the Ohio State ticket as candidate for governor. He had already been prominently mentioned for several years as a possibility for that office, and had it not been for the break in the party alignment, as a result of which the original republican vote was divided between the republicans and progressives, he would undoubtedly have been elected governor of Ohio in that year. Mr. Garford still claims allegiance to the progressive party, and in 1914 was its candidate for the United States Senate.

December 14, 1881, Mr. Garford married Miss Mary Louise Nelson, daughter of the late Thomas L. Nelson of Elyria, a prominent citizen whose career is sketched on other pages of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Garford have two daughters: Mary Katherine, now Mrs. James B. Thomas of Elyria; and Louise Ely, now Mrs. E. Lavagnino of Pasadena, California.

Christian Parsch. Something more than half a century ago the late Christian Parsch was known in Lorain County only as a very industrious and capable carpenter. He subsequently brought the scope of his activities to work as a building contractor, and from that developed one of the largest establishments for the supplying of lumber and other building materials, and for work in building contracting lines in the entire county. Christian Parsch was a splendid type of the man who comes up from small things to large accomplishments, and his record whether in business, in private life, and in his attitude toward public concerns is one that should be remembered in this county.

When he died at his home in Elyria, July 17, 1905, he had reached the age of seventy-two. Though nearly all his life was spent in Lorain County, he was born at Lammersdorf on the River Rhine, near Cologne, Germany, January 17, 1833. When only ten years of age he came with his family to the United States, and after a brief residence at Buffalo, New York, they came on to Cleveland. It was in Cleveland that Christian Parsch, who in the meantime had gained an education partly in the schools of Germany and partly in those of America, took up the carpenter's trade. From there he moved to Avon in Lorain County, was a journeyman worker in that section, and in 1857 removed to Elyria. Not long afterward he began taking independent contracts for building, and

out of that grew the large establishment which still bears his name in Elyria.

The late Mr. Parsch was for many years one of the active members and liberal supporters of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Elyria, to which his family also belong. His wife, Mrs. Catherine (Hurbert) Parsch, died at her home on East Broad Street in Elyria, July 20, 1907. She was at that time seventy-one years of age, was a native of Ireland, but had lived continuously in Elyria for fully forty years. She became the mother of nine children, six of whom survived her. There are now three sons and one daughter living: William T., president of the Parsch Lumber Company; Alexander P., vice president of the company; John C.; and Mrs. Joseph Tyler of Elyria. The daughter Mary, who married C. Esker of Elyria, died after her mother, and the other daughter, now deceased, was Lucy, Mrs. James McCarvel. The son William is also a director of the Machine Parts Company of Elyria.

For a great many years the lumber and building business was conducted under the simple name C. Parsch, but in 1900 it was incorporated as the Parsch Lumber Company, at which time Christian's sons, William, Alexander and John, took an active share in the business.

JOHN C. PARSCH. A product of Elyria by birth, education and training, John C. Parsch has passed his entire career in this city, where he is not only known as a leading factor in business circles, but as a citizen who has contributed of his fine talents to the welfare of the community as the incumbent of official position. He was born August 16, 1870, and is a son of the late Christian and Catherine (Hurbert) Parsch, highly respected old-time citizens of Elyria, a sketch of whose careers will be found elsewhere in this work.

John C. Parsch was educated in the Elyria public schools and St. Mary's parochial school, following which he took a course at the Oberlin Business College. In 1900 he secured an interest in the business which had been founded by his father many years before, and at the same time his brothers, William T. and Alexander P., became members of the concern, the name of which was at that time changed from C. Parsch to the Parsch Lumber Company, Inc., although the father retained an interest in the business until his death, in 1905. The present officers are W. T. Parsch, president; A. P. Parsch, vice president; and J. C. Parsch, secretary and treasurer. The Parsch Lumber Company deals in lumber, coal and builders' supplies and maintains a planing mill, the office and mill being located at Mill and Lodi streets, while the yards are at Cedar and Tremont streets. In addition to this concern, Mr. Parsch is a director of the Elyria Foundry Company. He is known as one of the progressive, enterprising business men of the city, with large and important interests, but has not allowed his private affairs to interfere with the performance of his duties as a good citizen. He entered politics in 1908, when he became the republican candidate for the office of councilman-at-large, and was elected and served two years, and in the following election ran for president of the council. He has been elected to that office three times, his present term expiring January 1, 1916. In regard to his candidacy for the mayoralty, the Elyria Chronicle of May 15, 1915, had this to say editorially: "As announced in our columns the other day, John C. Parsch will be a candidate for the office of mayor of Elyria, subject to the republican primary. His candidacy is one upon which all classes of our citizens may well unite. He is the candidate of no clique, no faction, nor, in the broadest sense, will he be a mere party candidate. The citizens of Elyria are to be congratulated that he has been prevailed upon to allow the use of his name in connection with the mayoralty. We have said that he will not be a mere party candidate and this is true. The

day of such has passed. Mr. Parsch's qualifications for the mayor's office are not on the political order. He is no politician. He is primarily a business man mainly concerned in the conduct of one of Elyria's principal enterprises. As his contribution to the civic spirit of our community life he has indeed held public office. He has for some years occupied an honorable niche in our city government. At first as a member and then for several terms as president of the council, he has with conspicuous success discharged his obligations to our municipal government. His time and his trained business judgment have ever been unstintedly placed at the disposal of the city legislature and his wise counsel has ever been gladly availed of by his colleagues in that body. His course has preeminently been that of the business man applying the powers of his mind to the public business. In this he may have neglected the arts of the politician, but we believe that the people will think none the less of him for that deficiency. Mr. Parsch was born in Elyria forty-five years ago and has always lived here. His life is an open book. He is known to his neighbors, friends and associates as a man of kindly spirit and generous impulses. Upright and devout in his private life he is in public affairs a man of liberal and enlightened views; no narrow bigotry or sectarianism bounds his intellectual horizon. His place in the estimation of his fellow citizens is secure. Although the candidacy of Mr. Parsch is urged on the score of his business qualifications, he is and always has been a staunch republican. It is through the instrumentality of that party that he has been called to the public posts he has hitherto filled. He therefore naturally turns to his fellow republican electors to endorse his candidacy, nor makes any apology in so doing. It will be as the republican candidate for mayor that he will make the run or not at all." At the primaries, held August 10, 1915, Mr. Parsch was nominated for mayor on the republican ticket by a comfortable majority, the vote standing 640 to 452. He defeated his opponent in every precinct of the city, as shown by the following figures: First Ward, Precinct A, Parsch 66, Boyden 37; First Ward, Precinct B, Parsch 36, Boyden 17; Second Ward, Precinct A, Parsch 59, Boyden 37; Second Ward, Precinct B, Parsch 65, Boyden 52; Second Ward, Precinct C, Parsch 20, Boyden 15; Third Ward, Precinct A, Parsch 73, Boyden 46; Third Ward, Precinct B, Parsch 43, Boyden 25; Third Ward, Precinct C, Parsch 84, Boyden 75; Fourth Ward, Precinct A, Parsch 91, Boyden 73; Fourth Ward, Precinct B, Parsch 53, Boyden 48; Fourth Ward, Precinct C, Parsch 50, Boyden 27. But even with the above flattering majority Mr. Parsch was defeated at the election held November 2, 1915.

Mr. Parsch is a valued and popular member of Elyria Council No. 774, Knights of Columbus, in which he has occupied all the chairs; of Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of Elyria Lodge of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, in which he has held a number of the offices; and of Elyria Lodge No. 431, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and also holds membership in the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and the Elyria Automobile Club. With Mrs. Parsch, he is affiliated with St. Mary's Catholic Church of Elyria, and has been a leading member of the church choir for twenty-eight years, or since he was seventeen years of age.

At Cleveland, Ohio, December 28, 1898, Mr. Parsch was united in marriage with Miss Lottie M. Greesheimer, who was born and reared at Elyria and here educated in the parochial schools. She is a daughter of the late Edward and Mary (Becker) Greesheimer, early residents of Elyria, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Parsch, like her husband, is a general favorite socially and actively interested in religious and club work.

Mrs. Emma S. Olds. Believing firmly in woman's political, social and industrial freedom, Mrs. Emma S. Olds for many years has labored effectively in support of her convictions. There is scarcely a body of representative women in Ohio in which she is unknown, and her unusual talents have been recognized, utilized and appreciated in many other states. Of most pleasing personality, endowed with versatile talents, possessed of remarkable executive ability and gifted both as a speaker and writer, Mrs. Olds has indelibly impressed herself upon the developing pages of the history of her times.

Mrs. Olds was born at Florence, Ohio. She is a great-granddaughter of Reuben and Pearl (Smith) Allen, and of Jasper Miles, all very early pioneers of Lorain and Erie counties. In 1817, Reuben Allen with wife and children left Vermont and journeyed by wagon to Lorain County, Ohio, selecting a site for a home in the forest that then covered Amherst Township. As the covered wagon had provided a shelter during the long journey it was further used as such until logs were hewed and a primitive dwelling was erected on what was then the frontier. On the original site was later built the comfortable farm-house which was one of the first if not the very first, frame houses in Amherst Township and is yet standing, the accompanying illustration showing its present condition, it being one of the old landmarks of the county.

In childhood Mrs. Olds attended the village school at Birmingham, Ohio, and afterward was prepared by private tutors for college and at the age of fourteen years became a student in Berea College, Kentucky, where she spent a year and at the age of fifteen taught a mountain school. When sixteen years old she taught school at Birmingham and then returned to Berea College for two years, afterward continuing special studies with tutors and again teaching school for two more years.

Mrs. Olds was twenty years old when she married and for some time found her time sufficiently taken up in managing her home, but later her old ambitions asserted themselves and she returned to the educational field and continued to teach school until 1896, and so valuable were her services considered by the people of Birmingham that she was elected a member of the board of education and served two years as its president before coming to Elyria, in which latter city, in 1911, she was elected a member of its board of education and her efficient service in that capacity covered three years.

Although Mrs. Olds has been prominently identified with many forward movements for women, perhaps she is best known in her important connection with the order of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, with which organization she united in 1893. Her first official position was as record keeper of the local hive and when, in 1896, she was sent as a delegate to the order's state convention, at which she was elected state commander, she resigned her position in the public schools in order to take up this new work for women with which she was in full sympathy.

In 1898, when the great hive was organized in Ohio, Mrs. Olds was elected great commander and filled that office and managed the affairs of the Maccabees in Ohio continuously until June, 1915, when she was advanced to a position on the National Conference board and also was appointed deputy supreme commander. In consideration of her many years of successful and loyal service, at the Supreme Review of the order, held in New York at that time, she was given a year's vacation, after which she again resumed national work. Under Mrs. Olds' leadership the membership of the order in Ohio increased from 7,392 to 28,661. At the above named convention several important changes were made in the plans of work of the organization, including the abolishing of the independent state hives and the changing of the name to the Woman's Benefit

ONE OF THE FIRST FRAME HOUSES BUILT IN AMHERST TOWNSHIP, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

Built by Ruben Allen sometime in the '20s and standing unoccupied.

PEARL (SMITH) ALLEN

Who with her husband Ruben Allen were among the very first settlers in Amherst Township, Lorain County, Ohio, in 1817.

Association of the Maccabees. Mrs. Olds is a member of the present advisory board of the association and formerly served one term as supreme lieutenant commander of the Maccabees. Repeatedly, as a delegate from this organization, she has addressed the National Council of Women.

Few women of the present day have led busier or more fruitful lives than has Mrs. Olds almost from girlhood. In addition to the responsibilities which she carried so many years as the Ohio head of the organization above mentioned, she has been concerned and interested in many other forward movements of her sex and has been helpful and sustaining to a wonderful degree, very often giving herself unselfishly but always conscientiously. For several years Mrs. Olds was vice president of the Ohio Woman's Suffrage Association; for many years was chairman of the standing Resolution Committee of the National Council of Women; for some years was a member of the Finance Committee of the National Fraternal Congress and for two years was chairman of the Committee on Ethics; and is a member of the Ohio Federation of Clubs. On invitation she has made addresses before the Akron Council of Women; the Cuyahoga County Women's Christian Temperance Union; the Toledo Peace Association; the Toledo Federation of Clubs; the National Council of Women; the National Fraternal Congress and other gatherings. She has appeared before committees from the State Legislature in the interests of shorter working hours for women, and also in the interests of adequate rates for fraternal organizations. She served two terms as a trustee of the Ohio Fraternal Congress and was a delegate from this congress to the National Fraternal Congress, representing all the Ohio fraternities at the national body. For one year she filled the office of president of the Political Study Club, which she founded and which is the largest woman's club at Elyria, devoted to civic and social improvement, and several times was sent as a delegate from Ohio to the National Suffrage Association.

The above recital by no means covers all Mrs. Olds' useful activities and notable achievements. Of a decided literary bent, had not circumstances led her into executive position with its many strenuous claims, she might have had leisure in which to cultivate her talent still farther than has been possible. As it is she has numerous stories and poems to her credit, which have appeared in the magazines and the newspapers. Mrs. Olds is the author of the ritual for children, called the "Order of the Rose," which has been adopted for the use of the Junior Auxiliary Branch of the Maccabees, and she also wrote many of the songs and charges used in the ritualistic work of the order. After a year of rest and recreation, her friends and admirers hope that she will again be found among the workers for those helpful things to which her life has been dedicated.

Allison Hill Babcock, president of the A. H. Babcock Company, is a native of Lorain and so much impressed with its business, residence and other advantages that, like thousands of others, he has never been able to see that he could better himself by making a change of location. A product of the public schools, his business career, which commenced when he was but a lad, has been one of constant and consistent advancement, and his present connection with some of Lorain's leading enterprises makes him a leader in business and realty circles.

Allison H. Babcock was born at Lorain, Ohio, January 21, 1874, and is a son of Allison H. and Mary (Hill) Babcock. His father, who came to Lorain in 1873, was originally a merchant and subsequently became a large owner of real estate. He was also one of the prominent men of the city in public affairs and for several terms served Lorain in the capac-

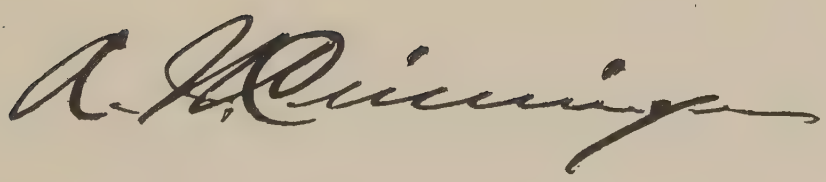
ity of mayor. Allison H. Babcock, of this notice, attended the public schools until reaching his seventeenth year, at which time he entered the tobacco business, a line with which he was connected for seven years. In 1898 he became the organizer of the A. H. Babcock Company, a real estate and insurance concern, of which he has continued as president and manager to the present time and which, under his capable management and direction, has assumed large proportions. From time to time he has entered other lines of business endeavor, to which he has been called by reason of his fine organizing and executive abilities, and at the present time is president of the Hoffman Heater Company, of the Fidelity Realty Company, and of the Troike Muffler Company, all well known concerns of Lorain. While not a politician, he has discharged the duties of citizenship in a public spirited and conscientious manner, and during three terms was city treasurer of Lorain. He belongs fraternally to the Masons, in which he has reached high degrees, being a Knights Templar and a member of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, and to the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His outside relations are eminently agreeable and helpful, and he is the sharer in many friendships, as well as the general good will of a community of which he is accounted one of the leading and influential citizens.

Mr. Babcock was married October 15, 1894, to Miss Minnie Mead, of Lorain, daughter of James B. Mead, who was connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for many years. Three children have been born to this union: Mildred Daisy, who graduated from the Lorain High School with the class of 1915; Floyd Ernest, who is still a student; and Leota Amanda.

Albert William Cinniger. Together with the other learned professions, the bench and bar is well represented in Lorain County, a large proportion of its members being men of ability, safe counsellors and eloquent and effective advocates. One of the most prominent engaged in general practice at the City of Lorain is Albert William Cinniger, who has an office in the Century Building.

A native Ohioan, Mr. Cinniger was born near Medina, September 13, 1875, a son of John and Olive Ann (Eden) Cinniger, who were farming people in that locality.

Mr. Cinniger has a very interesting ancestry, and many of his family connections have been soldiers, not only in this country but in Europe. His name is of German origin, and the German spelling is Zinniger. His grandfather, Charles Cinniger, who was born at Emmindingen, near Karlsruhe, Province of Baden, Germany, came to America in 1834. During the Civil war he enlisted in the First Ohio Light Artillery in August, 1862, and served until the following year. At the battle of Stone River he was wounded and was taken prisoner and confined at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and after being released was discharged on account of his wounds. Olive Eden, mother of the Lorain lawyer, was a daughter of George Eden, a native of England, who in 1840 married Clarissa Miller of New York. Her brother was a strong abolitionist and was commonly known as "Negro" Miller, owing to his connection with the underground railroad for assisting the escape of slaves. George Eden's brother was John Eden, who served in the English army, for twenty-one years, much of the time under the Duke of Wellington, and was killed at the battle of Waterloo. Mr. Cinniger's great-great-uncle on his father's side fought in the Prussian army under the great Napoleon, and was killed during the invasion of Russia. Mr. Cinniger's great-grandfather, Hans Loefler, whose people were among the first settlers at Germantown, Pennsylvania, served in the



colonial army as a minor officer under General Washington, and marched with that great American general from Bunker Hill to Yorktown, from the beginning to the close of the war for independence.

Reared on a farm and after graduating from high school, Albert William Cinniger in 1894 entered Hiram College, where he finished his literary education and graduated in 1899. He then took up the study of law in the office of Judge G. W. Lewis and Judge George Hayden and was later in the office of Judge A. R. Webber of Elyria, Ohio. Admitted to the bar December 7, 1901, he did his first practice in Elyria, where he remained about three and a half years. From January, 1902, to April, 1905, he was partner of C. A. Metcalf, under the firm name of Metcalf & Cinniger.

Removing to Lorain City in April, 1905, he was a member of the firm of Thompson, Glitsch & Cinniger until December 7, 1911, since which time he has practiced alone. Well versed in the principles of jurisprudence and possessing all the most necessary qualifications for success in his profession, he has gained a high place in the bar of this county and is both respected as an able lawyer and esteemed as a man and citizen. He is a member of the Lorain County Bar Association, the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member and trustee of the Christian Church.

September 11, 1900, Mr. Cinniger married Clara L. Gibbs, daughter of Alexander and Paulina (Green) Gibbs of Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio. She is a descendant of Gen. Nathanael Greene of Revolutionary fame. Her father's uncle, Alexander Thayer, was at one time ambassador from the United States to Austria, while her great-great-uncle, Samuel Gibbs, served on Washington's staff in the Revolutionary war. Alexander Gibbs, her father, enlisted in the Union army July 31, 1861, and upon reorganization his regiment became the Second Ohio Cavalry. He remained in the army until the close of the war, being mustered out in September, 1865. While a soldier he participated in a number of famous battles and had many exciting experiences. While in the Shenandoah Valley he saw Gen. Phil Sheridan in his famous ride, when he arrived just in time to rally the broken troops at Winchester and drive back Early's almost victorious legions. For several months he served as General Grant's orderly and assisted in laying mines at Petersburg. He also witnessed the surrender at Appomattox, and took part in the grand review at Washington after the surrender of Lee and Johnston's armies. He was also with Custer in the service when the latter was but a simple colonel, and was with him subsequently in Indian Territory when Col. William Cody (Buffalo Bill) was scout for the command. During the war Mr. Gibbs had several narrow escapes from death, two horses being shot from under him, and one time a bullet passed through his hat.

Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cinniger the one now living is Edwin Gibbs Cinniger, born April 12, 1913.

Elbert Julian Burrell. A life that was an unusual record of accomplishment and influence came to a close with the death of Elbert Julian Burrell on December 28, 1905. While Mr. Burrell spent little of his time as a resident in Lorain County, he had many interests there, had a home in Elyria, and his body now rests in the family vault at Ridgelawn Cemetery in that city. Mrs. Burrell, his widow, is living at 124 Harrison Street in Elyria, and is one of the notable women of Lorain County.

Born at Leroy, Medina County, Ohio, on May 30, 1845, Elbert Julian Burrell was a son of George and Marionett (Barnes) Burrell, who a few years after his birth moved to a farm in Ridgeville Township of Lorain

County. The late Mr. Burrell grew up in Lorain County, obtained his education in the district schools, and though the horizon of his early life was bounded by a country school and by the duties of a farm, he possessed that excellent combination of energy and ambition which creates opportunity for a career of signal usefulness and service. His early practical experience was gained in his father's mill at Ridgeville, and he made himself proficient in the handling of machinery and in various mechanical pursuits. In 1870 he engaged in the lumber industry in Michigan, but not long afterwards was severely injured by the explosion of a boiler in the lumber mill. There was no handicap that could be permanently imposed upon so energetic and determined a character and he was not long in finding other opportunities. He possessed a peculiar genius in practical chemistry, became a manufacturer of chemicals and originated an improved process for the making of commercial alcohol, which was used by sixteen large companies in Michigan, Tennessee, Canada and Wisconsin. In these various companies Mr. Burrell had financial and business interests and was highly successful from a financial standpoint. His affairs called him to many parts of the country, so that he was never able to consider Elyria his permanent home. For several years prior to his death he suffered from ill health and he died at Manistique, Michigan. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was a man of utmost integrity and known and honored in many business circles in diverse parts of the country.

Mrs. Burrell, who for a number of years has had her home at Elyria, since the death of her husband has been active as a philanthropist and social worker at Elyria, is a member of several woman's organizations, and served as one of the trustees of the Old Ladies Home at Elyria and belongs to the Universalist Church at her old home town, Mount Gilead, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Burrell had only one son, Orpheus, who died when two and a half years of age. When she married Mr. Burrell in 1868 she was Mrs. Mahala Sharp. Her maiden name was Mahala Graves, and she was born in Morrow County, Ohio, a daughter of William and Effie (Shafer) Graves, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ridgeville, Lorain County. Mrs. Burrell's first husband was George S. Sharp. Mrs. Burrell is perhaps best known as the mother of two famous men in Ohio. Her twin sons by her first marriage are Hon. William G. Sharp and Hon. George W. Sharp. William Graves Sharp, who was born in Mount Gilead, Ohio, March 14, 1859, was graduated in law from the University of Michigan in 1881, and for many years practiced at Elyria, and also became engaged in the manufacture of charcoal, pig iron and chemicals. However, he is best known for his public services. He was prosecuting attorney of Lorain County from 1885 to 1888, was a democratic presidential elector in 1892, was delegate to the National Convention of 1904, and in 1908 was elected to represent the Fourteenth Ohio District in Congress. He served during the sixty-first, sixty-second and sixty-third congresses, retiring in 1915, and was elevated by President Wilson to the important diplomatic post of ambassador from the United States to France, and he and his family now reside at Paris. William G. Sharp married in 1895 Hallie M. Clough of Elyria. Their children are Margaret, George, William G., Jr., Effie and Baxter. His twin brother, George W., has long been active in public affairs in the State of Michigan, formerly represented the Thirty-first District of that state in the State Senate, and is also favorably known as an author. He married Nellie Hitchcock, of Cleveland, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children: Anibell, an author of considerable note; William G.; and Margueretha. The last named is a graduate of an art school in Cleveland, and is a talented artist.

William Hazlett Hamilton. A successful young business man of Lorain, Mr. Hamilton has been chiefly identified with this community in connection with the Wood Lumber Company, of which he is secretary. The present large business, which is both a mercantile and manufacturing concern, is the outgrowth of the old B. H. Wood & Company, which was started in 1892. In 1900 a reorganization occurred, at which time the name was changed to the Wood Lumber Company, with a capital stock of $100,000. H. O. Wood is president, D. H. Aiken is vice president, and W. H. Hamilton is secretary-treasurer. While the company deals extensively in lumber and building material, it also maintains a large plant for manufacturing purposes. The mill for the manufacture of sash, doors and other planed and milled materials is a two-story building, 54 by 106 feet. The yards occupy a total space of six acres and about forty men find regular employment in the different departments.

A resident of Lorain County only a few years, William Hazlett Hamilton was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, on a farm May 10, 1879, a son of L. C. and Rebecca (Hazlett) Hamilton. His father was a miller and grain merchant, and is now living at Barberton, Ohio. The son received his education in the country schools and in the high school at Barberton and in a business college at Warren, Ohio. For two years he was employed as a stenographer and bookkeeper and then for two years was cashier of the American Strawboard Company at Barberton. Following that for seven years he was bookkeeper and draftsman in the Jackson Lumber Company, and in that way gained a thorough knowledge of the lumber and woodworking industry in all its details. For a time he was at Akron connected with the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, but in 1907 came to Lorain, first as clerk, later as bookkeeper, and since January 1, 1911, as secretary and treasurer of the Wood Lumber Company.

While practical business affairs have claimed his attention during most of his years since boyhood, Mr. Hamilton is also a man of many interests, and is exceedingly popular at Lorain. He is a member and director of the board of commerce and in 1915 served as chairman of the industrial committee and is especially active in the Knights of Pythias order at Lorain. On October 21, 1903, he married Miss Elnora McFarlin of Barberton, Ohio. They have a daughter, Marian Elizabeth, born November 5, 1912.

A. Eugene Taylor is president and treasurer of the Elyria Foundry Company and one of Elyria's most prominent citizens.

Mr. Taylor was born in LaPorte, Carlisle Township, Lorain County, Ohio, July 3, 1872, and is a son of William G. and Emma (Haring) Taylor. His father, a native of Tioga County, New York, removed as a young man to Lorain County, Ohio, and in August, 1862, enlisted as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil war. After two years and ten months of faithful and courageous service, he received his honorable discharge and returned to Lorain County, where he engaged in farming during the remainder of his life and became a leading and well known citizen of his community, serving for many years as constable of Carlisle Township. He died at Elyria, February 20, 1910. Mrs. Taylor, who survives her husband and makes her home with her son at Elyria, was born at Republic, Seneca County, Ohio, a daughter of Doctor Haring, one of the pioneer physicians of Lorain County. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were the parents of two sons: A. Eugene; and George L., who died June 26, 1912, at the age of thirty-seven years.

A. Eugene Taylor was not granted exceptional advantages as a youth. He attended the district schools of LaPorte, but the greater part of his training has come in the school of experience. However, he always made the most of every opportunity, something that has been characteristic of him during his entire career. When still a lad he was apprenticed to a machinist at Elyria, spending three years in the plant of the old Elyria Variety Works. Subsequently he was employed at his trade at the Garford Saddle Company, where he remained seven years, and then passed two years at Cleveland as an employe of the Cleveland Elevator Bucket Company. Returning to Elyria, Mr. Taylor became one of the promoters of the Elyria Engine Company, then known as the Elyria Gas Engine Company, with which he remained until 1906. In 1905, he organized the Elyria Foundry Company, of which he has been president and treasurer ever since, and to the management of which he has given his undivided attention since 1906. This concern handles light and heavy gray iron and semi-steel castings, making a specialty of machine tool castings, and under Mr. Taylor's efficient management is doing an excellent business. He is an active and working member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and enjoys the friendship and confidence of many of the leading business men of the city.

Mr. Taylor is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and is president of the Elyria Automobile Club. With his family, he belongs to the First Baptist Church of Elyria. A generous and liberal man, of charitable impulses, he was one of the leading contributors to the movement for the erection of the building of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is a member, and belongs to the Memorial Hospital Association of Elyria. In national politics Mr. Taylor is a consistent republican, and from the time of his first vote his sympathy and support have ever been given to the republican party. He believes, however, in a great measure of political independence.

On June 2, 1897, Mr. Taylor was married at Norwalk, Ohio, to Miss Sadie R. Miller, who was born, reared and educated there. To this union there have been born two sons and one daughter: Carl L., who is attending the Elyria High School; Russell L., also a student at that school; and Lucille F., the baby, who is only two years of age. All were born at Elyria.

Edward A. Douglas. After nearly fifteen years of service, marked by extreme fidelity and efficiency with one of the largest industrial concerns of Lorain County, Edward A. Douglas was promoted to one of the chief offices in the county government, county recorder, and has now filled that position with credit to himself and to the entire community for the past six years.

A native of Pennsylvania, Edward A. Douglas was born at Derry, Westmoreland County, February 1, 1870. His parents were James A. and Lydia A. (Blair) Douglas, both natives of Pennsylvania. His father served in the Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and also with the cavalry and artillery branches of the army, and after the war was with the Pennsylvania Railway Company until he met his death in an accident in 1872.

As a boy Edward A. Douglas had the responsibilities of mature life early thrust upon him. He attended the common schools, and at the age of twelve was sent to the Soldiers & Sailors Orphans Home and School at Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He came out of that institution at the age of sixteen, and had soon learned telegraphy and found his first work as an operator. Mr. Douglas has been a resident of Lorain

E. A. Douglas

County for the past twenty years, having come to Lorain in 1895 and joined the Johnson Company, which subsequently became The National Tube Company. From one position to another he was promoted from time to time, and was chief clerk of the steel department when he resigned on July 31, 1909. Evidence of his popularity with the workingmen of the concern is found in a handsome gold watch, which Mr. Douglas constantly carries and cherishes, and which was given him by the mill men on his retirement from the company. The company also showed its regard and appreciation for services by giving him a month's leave of absence at full pay at the close of his relations with the concern.

Mr. Douglas has been a factor in republican politics in Lorain County for a number of years. He was nominated and in November, 1908, elected county recorder, and has since been reelected at the close of each two years. He is an active member of the chamber of commerce, is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Sons of Veterans. He is past exalted ruler of the Elks and past president of the Eagles, and on December 3, 1915, was appointed deputy grand president under William L. Grayson, grand worthy president, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of the United States. On October 18, 1898, Mr. Douglas married Miss Elizabeth Grace Boyden, daughter of Henry T. Boyden of Elyria.

Rev. John T. Schaffeld. By reason of his effective service as pastor for more than thirty years the memory of the late Father Schaffeld deserves to be lastingly cherished among his people in St. Mary's Parish at Elyria. In many ways he made that church strong and flourishing, increasing its membership more than sixfold, and upbuilding its institutions and varied philanthropies and benevolences in proportion.

John T. Schaffeld, though a thorough American in spirit and spending most of his life in this country, was born in Germany, at Isselberg, October 16, 1837. When he was ten years of age his parents brought him to America and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, where he continued his education in a college conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers. In 1863 the family removed to Cleveland, where Father Schaffeld entered old St. John's College and took his divinity course in St. Mary's Seminary. His ordination occurred July 17, 1870, and his first appointment as pastor was at St. Patrick's in Hubbard. He served not only that church but nearby communities, both parishes and missions. Father Schaffeld was not only a spiritual leader but an unusually capable executive and organizer. He enlarged the church at Hubbard, built school and parochial residence, and also erected St. Joseph's Church at Vienna.

He came to St. Mary's Parish, Elyria, at the time that Father Molon became stricken with paralysis and continued in the pastorate of the parish and after the death of Father Molon Father Schaffeld succeeded him as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Elyria, on May 13, 1880. At that time the congregation numbered about 400 souls, and in the next thirty years the membership increased to more than 2,500, and the prosperity of the church increased even more rapidly than the growth of the city. The varied institutions of St. Mary's Parish were largely a material monument to the fruitful labors of Father Schaffeld. He left the parish with a beautiful church edifice, substantial school building, modern parochial residence, and a large home for the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Members of the parish and citizens at large recall the simple dignity and happy associations connected with the celebration in July, 1910, of Father Schaffeld's fortieth anniversary in the priesthood. Many tributes were paid to the worthy priest at this jubilee and it was a fitting

climax to a life of service that had continued uninterruptedly for four decades. Among his congregation he was esteemed for his zeal, his kindness, and his fatherly interest in every member of his flock. While most of his work was done within St. Mary's Parish, he also during his pastorate constructed the Chapel of the Sacred Heart at Oberlin.

Early on the morning of June 7, 1911, the tolling of the bell of St. Mary's announced the passing of this devoted priest, who had ministered to the congregation gathered within its walls for more than thirty years. Father Schaffeld was survived by three sisters: Mrs. John Schnitzler and Mrs. T. Kasinsky of Lorain, and Sister Mary Louise, in a convent at New Orleans. He also left a brother, of San Francisco, California, and three nephews: Rev. John Schaffeld of St. Michael's Church in Cleveland, and Rev. Joseph Schaffeld and Rev. John Kasinsky. The high position Father Schaffeld had earned in his work was shown in the honors paid him at his funeral in St. Mary's. Bishop Farrelly of Cleveland, was present at the service, and many priests attended from surrounding parishes, besides a host of those whom he had so loyally and unselfishly served in Elyria.

George A. Mosher, superintendent of the Children's Home of Lorain County, is a native of Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he was born January 19, 1851.

His parents were William H. and Margaret E. (Thayer) Mosher. His father was born in Troy, New York, January 18, 1821, and died December 8, 1853. The mother was born August 28, 1833, and died in February, 1914. William H. Mosher saw active service in the war with Mexico and contracted disease in that war which brought his life to a close when only thirty-three years of age. He was married at Lenox, Ohio, on December 24, 1849, to Miss Thayer, and of their union were born two children, George A. and Charles H., the latter a resident of Richmond, Virginia. William H. Mosher was a harness maker by trade, and in his brief life had been an extensive traveler, having gone practically around the world. He was a member of the Congregational Church. William H. Mosher was a son of Alfred Mosher, who was born in Vermont, and settled in Ohio during the '30s, where he became a farmer and merchant, and died in Ashtabula County. George A. Mosher's maternal grandfather was Calvin Thayer, a carpenter by trade, who died in Cleveland, Ohio. George A. Mosher is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution by virtue of the fact that his great-grandfather, Anthony Morse, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

George A. Mosher acquired his early education in the public schools of Syracuse, New York. For forty-two years he was a clerk and otherwise identified with the book business and spent all that time in Syracuse, New York. He returned to Ohio in 1900, locating at Oberlin in that year, but for five years was connected with the Borrows Bros. store in Cleveland.

In 1905 Mr. Mosher was made superintendent of the Lorain County Children's Home, and has filled that office for the past ten years. No better selection could have been made for this delicate and important responsibility, since he has been all but a father in fact to the children under his charge. In the Home proper he now has forty-three young people, and has fifty children outside under his direct supervision. For ten years he has been superintendent of the Home; 500 children have been at different times under his care and superintendence.

On September 17, 1874, Mr. Mosher married Laura Coleman. Her father, Christopher C. Coleman, lived at Seneca Falls, New York, was a harness maker by trade, and also owned a plantation in Virginia, from

which he was driven when the Civil war broke out. Mr. and Mrs. Mosher are the parents of eight children: Alfred R., who graduated from Oberlin College in 1898 and lives on a plantation in Texas; William E., referred to on other pages; Clifford C., who was a soldier in the Spanish-American war and is now superintendent and manager of the East Machine Co. of Lima, Ohio; Bessie B., who is private secretary in a wholesale chair company at Chicago; Margaret Eleanor, who graduated from Oberlin College in 1906 and is now the wife of Charles A. Capron, an attorney of Upper Montclair, New Jersey; Charles A., who is now representing the Goodrich Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, at Aberdeen, South Dakota; Gladys Elizabeth, who completed a domestic science course in Rochester, New York, and now teaches at Morenci, Arizona; Marion, who is in the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosher are members of the Second Congregational Church and in politics he is a progressive republican, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Foresters.

William Eugene Mosher for the past ten years has filled the chair of German Language and Literature at Oberlin College. Professor Mosher is an American born, and is a son of George A. Mosher, one of the best known citizens of Lorain County, where for a number of years he has been superintendent of the Children's Home.

Born in Syracuse, New York, November 26, 1877, William Eugene Mosher was graduated from the high school of that city in 1893. He took one year of preparatory training at Oberlin and was graduated from Oberlin College in 1899. For three years he was an instructor in the academy, and followed that with two years of study abroad in the universities at Berlin and Halle. He was given the degree Ph. D at Halle in 1904. Returning to the United States, he became Associate Professor of German Language in Oberlin College, but after a year again went abroad and continued his studies in Berlin.

On his return to Oberlin he was given the chair of German Language and Literature in the college and has since devoted his entire time to his professional duties. Besides the time spent abroad in study he has traveled extensively during the vacations of his college work. Mr. Mosher is author of three books. One of these is a German text book, which has been adopted and which has had an extensive sale, known as "Lern- und Lesebuch." "Wilkommen in Deutschland" is a second year text book. He is also author of "The Promise of the Christ Age in Recent Literature."

In June, 1905, Professor Mosher married Laura M. Camp of Akron, Ohio. Their four children are: Horace Camp, aged eight; William E., Jr., aged six; Richard Thayer, aged four; and Frederick, aged two. The family reside in a beautiful home on Forest Street, one of the most attractive places in Oberlin Village. This house was built under the direct supervision of Mr. Mosher. He is a member of the First Congregational Church and in politics is independent.

Charles R. Summers. For at least seventeen years Charles R. Summers has been enrolled among the lawyers of Northern Ohio, and since 1904 has been well established in practice at Oberlin. He is known as an industrious and careful attorney, a man who gives all his energies to his profession, and has attained a position of commendable success. His character is further illustrated by the fact that he paid his way through school for his higher education, and completed the regular three years law course in two years.

Though the greater part of his life has been spent in Northern Ohio, Charles R. Summers was born in Polk City, Iowa, July 31, 1875, a son

of Roland M. and Anna (Strawn) Summers. His paternal grandfather was Horace Summers, who was of West Pennsylvania ancestry, and he himself was a carpenter by trade and in the early days moved to Indiana. The maternal grandfather was Charles W. Strawn, a native of Ohio and a farmer. Roland M. Summers was born in Indiana in 1851 and his wife was born in Ohio in the same year. They are now living at Elyria, Ohio, which has been their home since 1897. After their marriage in Ohio they drove across the country to Iowa, and the father bought land in that state and worked it as a farmer for ten or eleven years. He then moved to Norwalk, Ohio, and for a number of years was traveling salesman for the Chase Piano Company. Retiring from the road in 1897, he established a retail piano business in Elyria and has since developed a large trade all over Lorain County. He is an active republican, member of the Elyria Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his wife belongs to the Christian Church. There were four children, and the three now living are: Myrtle, wife of William H. Wildman, who is a manufacturer of flavoring extracts and spices at Norwalk; Horace W., who is associated with his father in the music store at Elyria; and Charles R.

Charles R. Summers acquired most of his early education in the Norwalk public schools. He was a student in Oberlin College for two years and then entered the law department of Baldwin University at Cleveland, where, after making the three years course in two years, he graduated LL. B. in 1899. Mr. Summers practiced four years at Norwalk before coming to Lorain County, and then for one year was editor and manager of the Elyria Chronicle. After this brief experience in the newspaper business he came to Oberlin and has since been looking after his law practice. He has served as justice of the peace since January, 1907, and is also teacher of commercial law in the Oberlin Business College.

In 1904 Mr. Summers married Miss Nettie J. Smith, daughter of William M. Smith. Her father is a real estate and insurance man at Elyria. They are the parents of four children: Thelma May, in school; Roland M., also in school; and Stella Anna and Elsie Frances. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Summers takes much interest in fraternal matters, particularly in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has passed all the chairs, is past district deputy in that order, and is a retired captain of the Independent Order Odd Fellows of Canton. In politics he is a republican.

Miss Elcie M. Johnston. Not so many years ago it was considered the proper attitude to assume that women had, as a sex, not been generously endowed with what is termed, a "business" sense. Idealists were ready to acknowledge their many other admirable qualities, their beauty, grace and charm, their helpful sympathy and their natural virtues, but neither they nor the whole body of mankind could believe that behind all these qualities and attributes, existed the talent, and the good, hard, practical commonsense that, in more recent days, has been shown in womanly achievement. No better nor more convincing example may be cited than that afforded by the success which has been won by Miss Elcie M. Johnston, the president, owner and director of the Elyria Business College, at Elyria, Ohio. The original undertaking was one of magnitude, requiring courage, diplomacy and foresight, and with the keenest of business intelligence she has conducted the enterprise to its present prosperous condition.

Miss Johnston was born near Detroit, Michigan. That she was an unusually apt pupil in the public schools may be inferred because of her early completion of the course, being creditably graduated when

only sixteen years of age. In making plans for her future, Miss Johnston considered one useful career after another, hesitating for a time between that of a trained nurse and a teacher. Finally, deciding to become an educator, she accepted, shortly afterward, a position in the county schools. She proved entirely acceptable to the school board, but her observation soon inclined her to the belief that commercial teaching offered better opportunities for advancement, and, being frankly ambitious, in the following year she entered a commercial college and completed the business course and afterward became a teacher in the college from which she was graduated.

After experience as a commercial teacher, Miss Johnston realized that a course in business experience would be one of the most helpful assistants in the line of work to which she had committed herself, therefore she accepted an office position in which she rendered service as a stenographer for two and one-half years for one of the largest manufacturing firms in the state. During this time not only her days but her evenings were busy for she taught night classes in the Y. M. C. A. and in a business college, additionally having private pupils. After resigning the above mentioned office position, she still further advanced her own education, taking a special teacher's course in the Gem City Business College, which school has probably the largest annual attendance of any business college in the world. Upon the completion of this special course of study, Miss Johnston was offered a responsible position as private secretary to the manager of a large electrical corporation. She continued with that corporation for two years, when, through the death of the president of the company the Boston and New York offices were consolidated and Miss Johnston returned to her native city. During this business connection she had learned much concerning the methods of conducting a large business enterprise and had inevitably, because of her natural quickness of mind, added largely to her general knowledge.

Upon her return to Detroit, Miss Johnston accepted a position which gave her charge of the Actual Business Section of the Shorthand department in the largest business college in the city, and her previous business and teaching experience made her services very valuable. From this college she subsequently went to a still more responsible position, becoming teacher, storekeeper and private secretary to the superintendent of the state industrial school. While the arduous duties and close confinement of this position somewhat impaired her health and caused her subsequently to resign, she has always felt that the experience was a very valuable one because of the opportunity it gave her of studying human nature, as every nationality and type came under her personal observation. Later she was identified with a company manufacturing special machinery for all purposes, and here, again, her time was not lost, for, possessing a natural interest in the wonderful devices that go under the name of machinery, she studied machines at first hand. In later years many of her graduate students have expressed their gratitude on account of the unusual information she has been competent to give on many other than that pertaining to business methods and acquirements.

For many years prior to 1901, when Miss Johnston came to Elyria, she had cherished the hope of eventually owning her own school. This ambition she satisfied when she became the owner of the Elyria Business College, which was incorporated in 1900 and of which Miss Johnston is president. This institution stands for all that is most helpful and progressive in this line of endeavor. While she has been marvelously successful, she has met with some serious discouragements, one of these being a conflagration in which the Elyria Block was burned, in which

the entire equipment belonging to the college was destroyed. Informing and interesting is the following quotation from a letter to Miss Johnston, from Albert R. Green, secretary of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce about this time.

"It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, to commend your college and its management for their energy as manifested by the manner in which your college was rehabilitated after the total loss you sustained by the recent destruction of the Elyria Block by fire. To have secured new quarters and refitted them with even temporary facilities in such a short time (one day) and to have restored the classes to their usual studies under such trying circumstances, speaks volumes for the efficiency of your college and can not help but energize the working spirit of your recruits into the ranks of business." As indicated, Miss Johnston found a new location before the fire was extinguished, picnic tables, pine boards and boxes, with new typewriters making up the equipment. These rooms being inadequate were occupied by The Elyria Business College but two months when the classes moved to the present building which had been purchased, remodeled and enlarged immediately after the fire. The new college building is situated on Second Street, Elyria, and is unique in that it is the only private school in Ohio housed in a building belonging to the school owner, unoccupied by other tenants and the only business college and building in the United States owned and managed by a woman. Miss Johnston is well known among private school owners as the one woman in the profession who owns and manages her own building and also a fully accredited business school, this college being a member of the National Accredited Schools Association.

On many occasions Miss Johnston has been signally honored. As a member of the National Commercial Teachers Federation, admiration, confidence and esteem was shown her by election to office, serving three successive years as a member of the executive committee; as vice president of the School Managers' Section, and at the convention of the federation held at the Sherman Hotel, in Chicago, in December, 1914, she was not only reelected a member of the executive committee from the Managers' Section, but was elected also second vice president of the entire association, and during the convention held in Chicago during Christmas week, 1915, was elected first vice president. As the federation is composed of the best schools in the United States and as more than 700 members were present, this distinction was creditable to Elyria and a recognition of the standards maintained by Miss Johnston in her college. An exceedingly interesting feature of the above convention was the fine address made by Miss Johnston, who took for her subject, "The Woman in Business." The 1914 convention was reported as being the most successful in the history of the association in that recognition was secured from the Educational Bureau at Washington and a committee appointed to secure an appropriation for the establishment of a Bureau of Commercial Education.

It would be unjust to close this too brief sketch of this able woman's success in business, without giving a glimpse of the womanly side of her character in which she is seen to possess all the admirable attributes of her sex. In each student who comes under her care, she sees a potential future and, with perceptions quickened by experience, she is able to judge of capacity, earnestness and probable success along one or another line of study. Her helpfulness, her interest and sympathy have been appreciated and by the yearly increasing body of successful graduates of her school, she is universally held in high esteem. While she has become a factor to be counted on in the business world, she is still

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feminine to the core when it comes to family affection, womanly sympathy and social service.

THE ELYRIA BUSINESS COLLEGE. With the motto, "Trains for Success," this institution offers encouragement at the outset very welcome to the ordinary student as he enrolls his name on a roster which shows that this claim is not an idle one but has meant prosperity and contentment to many before him. The first school in Northern Ohio to teach stenotypy (machine shorthand), it is equally progressive in other departments and thorough in every one.

The Elyria Business College is located at Elyria, Ohio, a city with beautiful and healthful surroundings and with an intelligent and educated citizenship that insures peace and order and civic and cultural advantages. It has large industrial plants, well managed business houses in which the graduates readily secure employment, and many fine residences and hospitable homes, a public library and an advanced public school system, churches of all denominations and a wholesome social life, so that students who come from all parts of the United States, to this Ohio city to enter the Elyria Business College find not only a complete school with highly trained experienced business men and women as teachers, but a most desirable place of residence.

This college, which is a commodious two-story pressed brick building, beautifully finished and decorated, is situated on Second Street. It is equipped with everything that modern art has provided or educational science has evolved for the instruction and convenience of students in every one of its many departments, including penmanship, bookkeeping, stenotypy, shorthand and typewriting, each department covering every detail, manner and method accepted by the business world.

The Elyria Business College was established in 1896 and was incorporated in 1900. In 1901 it was purchased by its present able president, Miss Elcie M. Johnston, whose previous business training and experience admirably qualified her for the responsible duties she assumed. She entered upon these with enthusiasm and no one questions her unusual capacity. For fifteen years she has directed the affairs of the college with wisdom and efficiency and has the satisfaction of knowing that she has established its standing on a stable foundation. Not only may the graduates of this institution be found occupying important positions at Elyria, but all over the United States are efficient, thoroughly equipped young men and women who owe their prosperity to the training received in this college and sound the praises of their alma mater together with their expressions of sincere regard for Miss Johnston, and her corps of efficient teachers, whose help and encouragement they feel to have been of inestimable value.

The aim of this college as announced in its handsomely bound fifteenth annual catalog is: to prepare men and women for the work which the business man wants done; to train all students to become efficient in the shortest possible time consistent with good work; by environment to create a desire for moral living and high ideals in business; and to assist all students, at all times, old graduates as well as beginners, in securing better positions and better opportunities for advancement. Once a student, personal interest is never discontinued. There is little show or assumption about this school for it does precisely what it offers to do, each student standing in the same relation to president and teacher and each one required to live up to the established standard. Advice is given students when they desire it as to what branch of study would enable them to excel, but there is no compulsion, every pupil being permitted to make his own choice and individual instruction being given

him. Social features are offered the students for their entertainment, and the college provides a reading room with musical instruments, a well selected library, current magazines and daily and weekly papers.

The Elyria Business College is the only school in this part of Ohio employing a teacher whose entire time is devoted to teaching touch typewriting and correct office forms. The college supplies all the leading makes of machines, including the Wahl Adding Machine, filing devices and card systems, in the use of which the student is carefully instructed, and that excellent work is done by the graduates is shown by the important positions they are holding in the business world. Special attention is given to training teachers for business colleges and the commercial department of high schools. The diploma from this school has been accepted, without further examination, by schools in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Always alert to any advance in business methods, the college showed its progressive spirit by being the first school in Northern Ohio to install the stenotype, the fastest writing machine in the world as a part of the equipment in the shorthand department. A number of young students who had mastered its mechanism, at a shorthand contest held in Cleveland on October 22, 1914, astonished all who attended by their speed records. The Elyria Business College is justly proud of the achievements of several of these students, William Henke, whose remarkable record was a net speed of 138 words a minute, carrying away state honors, and Edward Feron, who won second place with a net speed of 121 words a minute.

The Graham System of Shorthand is also taught in the shorthand department, and the fact that every graduate from this department is employed should convince all who are interested that it pays to attend a school where the teachers have had actual office experience. This department is under the direct supervision of Miss Johnston, who by writing and teaching shorthand, has become thoroughly familiar with the demands of business men who want first-class stenographers. This department is also equipped with every modern device, including a complete multigraph outfit, upon which instructions are given and most of the school literature is printed. This part of the work includes actual office practice, where outside work is taken and prepared by the students who are about ready for positions. This not only gives the student experience in doing real work before he leaves school, but it enables many of the students to earn considerable sums with which to pay their expenses while in school.

In the bookkeeping department, is taught the famous Rowe Bookkeeping and Accountancy, which system is approved by leading accountants through the United States, and includes a course in banking, according to the lines prescribed by the American National Bankers Association. The Burroughs Adding Machine and other office devices used in the large business offices are found in this department and the student is given thorough instruction not only in bookkeeping, but in arithmetic, penmanship, commercial law, business English, banking, and all forms of actual office practice.

The Accredited Schools Association, of which the Elyria Business College is a member, is a national body of high standing among educators. President Johnston was elected second vice president of the National Commercial Teachers Federation in 1914 and first vice president at the annual convention held in Chicago in 1915, and is one of the best known commercial educators in the country. The high standard she has ever maintained and the wisdom and good judgment with which she has managed her business have brought her universal respect and have

proved valuable assets for her enterprise. She occupies a somewhat unique position in that she owns the only private school in Ohio housed in the owner's building unoccupied by other tenants and additionally is the only woman in the United States who owns and manages a business college.

It is the proud boast of the faculty of the Elyria Business College that every graduate is employed, and one of its slogans is, "A position the day you complete the course."

THOMAS HENRY ARTRESS. Among the men who have been most closely identified with the business life of the City of Lorain during the last thirty or forty years a place of special prominence belongs to Thomas H. Artress, who now has many active relations with business affairs and has held a number of civic responsibilities. The success of his career is accentuated by the fact that as a boy he endured many privations, and depended upon hard work and honest efficiency to win him a place in the world.

A native of England, he was born in Gloucestershire, April 21, 1859, a son of William and Mary Artress. In 1868, when he was nine years of age, the family emigrated to the United States and located on a farm in Lorain County, where the parents spent the rest of their days.

It was a limited education that was assigned to Thomas Henry Artress as a preparation for life. When only thirteen years of age he was regularly employed at farm labor, and four years later began an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. Having completed this apprenticeship at the age of twenty, he set up a shop in the little town of Grafton, and from there in 1880 moved to Lorain, where he was a workman in the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and also in the Brass Works. Thus by means of a mechanical trade Mr. Artress laid the foundation for his present substantial means and influence.

In 1893 he engaged in the hardware business at Lorain, and made that the object of his principal endeavors for ten years. At the same time his investments had been more widely directed. In 1912 he built at 2147 Broadway a large concrete block garage and automobile sales barn, 30 by 75 feet in dimensions. He is the owner of this garage, and acts as agent for the Paige car. He is also a director of the Wood Lumber Company and a director of the Central Bank of Lorain. He has a number of other interests in real estate and business affairs.

In a public way he has been closely identified with the life of Lorain for the past quarter of a century. For three years he was on the board of trustees for public works in Lorain and in 1903 was appointed trustee of Black River Township and held that office for a number of years by election. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order in the lodge and council and Royal Arch Chapter, and is also a Knight of Pythias. He is a member of the Lorain Board of Commerce and also has membership in the Elks Club. He married Miss Ida Ackley, who was born at Grafton, Lorain County, daughter of Henry and Mary Ackley.

REV. CHAUNCEY N. POND. Among the citizens of Oberlin whose activities have lent additional dignity to that college town and whose careers may well be represented in this publication is Rev. Mr. Pond, a retired minister, member of a prominent family and a man whose life has done much to enrich the influence of the church and many charitable organizations.

He was born at Medina, Ohio, October 23, 1841, a son of Henry N. and Mary (Castle) Pond. His grandfather was Isaac J. Pond, a native

of Connecticut, where he was married and not long afterward settled in Medina County, Ohio. The maternal grandfather, Samuel L. Castle, was a music teacher and composer and was a prominent factor in church singing circles in the early days. Henry N. Pond was born in Medina, Ohio, in 1819, and died in 1846, at the age of twenty-eight. He was a prosperous farmer, having bought the interests of the other heirs in the old farm, and his death was the result of an accident from a falling tree. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and a whig in politics. His wife, Miss Castle, was born near Cazenovia, New York, in 1821, and died in January, 1906. They were married in Medina County in 1840. Rev. Mr. Pond was the oldest of their three children. His brother, Chester Pond, served with the rank of colonel in the Union army during the Civil war, but for the most part was employed as a Government telegrapher. After the war he located in the South, started a large plantation, a school and other activities which made up the Town of Moorhead, Mississippi. For a number of years he served as a trustee of Oberlin College, and gave about twenty thousand dollars worth of property to that institution. His death occurred in 1912. He was also distinguished as the inventor of the self-winding electric clock. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Mary Pond married Caleb A. Bowen, and the one son of that marriage, William A. Bowen, lived at Honolulu for a number of years and was a generous giver to the college and other public institutions. Mrs. Bowen married for her third husband Uriah Thompson, who also served as a trustee of Oberlin College nearly forty years.

Chauncey N. Pond spent his early life in Medina, and was graduated from Oberlin College in 1864. He graduated from the Theological Seminary in 1868. He did his first work as a preacher in 1864, was licensed to preach in April, 1865, and was regularly ordained in October, 1866. His first work as a minister was done in the country districts in Medina County, in the same church which he had joined when twelve years of age. Not long ago he celebrated his sixtieth anniversary as a communicant of the church. For upwards of a half a century Rev. Mr. Pond kept up the active work of the ministry and filled many pulpits until two years ago. For several years now he has employed his time chiefly in organizing Sunday schools. He is also secretary for the State of Ohio of the extension work carried on by the organized charities, and has for fifteen years been identified with this work. It is said that no one in Ohio has done more for organized charity and Christian service than Rev. Mr. Pond.

On August 24, 1864, he married Harriet Permelia Perkins. She was born August 3, 1837, and they have lived together in the quiet harmony of spirit and work for more than half a century. To their union were born three children. Jennie Evelyn, who died in 1896, married E. R. Atwater, by whom she had four children. Mr. Atwater married a second wife, and the entire family were murdered during the Boxer rebellion in China in 1900, Mr. Atwater having been a Chinese missionary. The son Henry T. died when three years of age. Percy M. has for a number of years been a very successful business man in the Hawaiian Islands and for a number of years furnished high grade milk to the City of Honolulu, his dairy herd and outfit but recently sold for $32,500. He has also developed some large land interests in those islands.

Rev. Mr. Pond, while by the very nature of his calling he has never acquired or aspired to great wealth, has been sufficiently prospered. He started life with only $380 as capital, and in spite of his own generosity in giving to church and charity, has managed to acquire a competence out of his long service for the church and other employment. He owns a beautiful home in Oberlin and has two others residential properties.

Geo. E. Crisp

In politics he is a republican, and for many years has been quite active in affairs and has written many articles during campaigns. For a number of years he served in the office of school examiner in Medina County.

George E. Crisp. The record of a sterling citizen, a soldier, business man, public administrator, and one who played all the varied parts in his life worthily and faithfully, came to a close in the death of George E. Crisp at Amherst, Lorain County, Ohio, July 27, 1912. He had been a resident of Lorain County nearly all of the sixty-eight years of his life. Probably the work for which he most deserved the gratitude of his fellow citizens was his long service in connection with the Elyria Water Works. Upon him devolved the responsibility of superintending the construction of that magnificent plant by which the city is now supplied with pure water from Lake Erie. Perhaps the characteristic by which he was best known among his fellow men was his quiet efficiency, and wherever the path of duty led him, in war or in peace, in business or in public office, at home or in those varied relations which exist between man and man, he was guided by a firm sense of responsibility and proved himself faithful in all those manifold small duties which make up the sum of a life's achievement.

A native of England, he was born in the City of Northampton, May 25, 1844, being one of seven children. His brother William died in Elyria only a short time before the death of George E. Crisp, and the latter was survived by his sister, Mrs. William Henson of Elyria, and his brother, J. A. Crisp of Jefferson. A short time after his birth, his parents considering well their own circumstances and the needs of their rising family, set out from England to get the better opportunities of America. They engaged passage on a vessel, but their mother, on coming to the docks, refused to embark, considering that the ship was unseaworthy, and her judgment was well founded since the boat was never heard of after it left England. The following day the little family went on board another vessel, which was buffeted by adverse winds so that the voyage required nearly twice the usual time for making such a trip. They finally landed at New York three months after leaving England. From New York City they came to Lorain County, settling in Avon Township, where the father engaged in farming. Six years later he died of typhoid fever, leaving his widow to face the world alone with her young children. She succeeded in keeping her family together and reared them to lives of usefulness and high ideals.

From these circumstances it can be understood that the early life of George E. Crisp was one of considerable hardship. He worked as soon as his young strength permitted and gained his education by somewhat irregular attendance at the country schools. At the age of seventeen he moved to Elyria and became an apprentice in the firm of John Topliff, and after completing his term was given credentials as an efficient blacksmith. He subsequently had to leave that line of work since it affected his eyesight.

During the Civil war Mr. Crisp enlisted May 2, 1864, in Company K of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continued in service with his regiment until mustered out with the rank of corporal at Camp Chase, Columbus, September 1, 1864. He was with his regiment in the engagements at Bolivar, Marye Heights, Harpers Ferry and under General Sigel against General Early on July 4-7, 1864; was one of those who charged the enemy at John Brown's Schoolhouse; was in the skirmishes at Opequan Creek Bridge, at Harpers Ferry and Marye Heights, and was engaged in guarding the Baltimore & Ohio

Railroad. While on the latter duty a portion of his regiment was surrounded at North Mountain and 250 men were captured, half of whom subsequently died in Confederate prisons. Mr. Crisp was with his company every day during the term of service, which, though brief, was characterized by that fidelity which was a mark of his every undertaking in public life.

In May, 1868, at Montezuma, Iowa, Mr. Crisp married Miss Mary L. Wyman and three months later they returned to Elyria, and thereafter that city was continuously his home until his death. From this union four children were born: Albert B., Harry E., Herbert G., and Ernest J.

After his marriage and permanent settlement at Elyria, Mr. Crisp engaged in the wholesale notion business. He dealt with merchants in the territory south and east of Cleveland and his route even extended into Western Pennsylvania. He called on his trade, carrying his stock with him in a large wagon, known as a "Peddling Wagon." He kept up the stock in the wagon by having goods shipped to him, in advance, along the route. He was then known as a "Yankee Notion Peddler" but soon this method became too slow, the wagon was discarded, and selling was done entirely by samples carried in a case. Thus Mr. Crisp was one of the pioneer traveling salesmen of this section. This business gave him a wide acquaintance and then as always he relied upon those solid, old time-tried commercial rules which have ever been the foundation of true success, and thus he developed an important jobbing business for himself, and continued traveling in its interest until 1899.

In the latter year Mr. Crisp succeeded Mr. D. M. Clark as superintendent of the Elyria Gas & Water Company, the plant being then owned by the Berry Brothers of Detroit. For fourteen years he filled that position, and during the last four years was in the employ of the city.

An indication of his thorough public spirit is found in the fact that, while in the employ of private interests, he was one of the strong advocates of the city-owned plant, and was always a firm believer in municipally owned public utilities. During the construction of the lake water system, he was superintendent and gave constant and careful supervision to the work which has made Elyria's waterworks one of the best in the country. Those who are most familiar with his work in that position realize that every user and patron of the local water system is a debtor to the man who exercised such vigilance during the constructive period of that important utility. On retiring from the office of superintendent of the waterworks in 1904, Mr. Crisp gave his time to the interests of the Crisp Paper Company, the jobbing business developed by him prior to 1889 and was its business representative until his death.

The late Mr. Crisp was held in high regard for his excellent judgment and the studious care which he gave to every duty, and these qualities, combined with his absolute integrity, enabled him to render important service to his community. He served four years as a member of the city council and two years on the board of public service, and was also for sixteen years a member of the board of education, being chairman of its building committee. Through his efforts the extensive grounds of the Fifteenth Street and Jefferson Street buildings were purchased. Aside from his business and public duties, Mr. Crisp was devoted to his church and home. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elyria in 1874, and from 1882 until his death, gave faithful service as one of its trustees. He was also a member of Richard Allen Post, G. A. R., which had charge of a part of the funeral services following his death. Mr. Crisp was survived by his wife and two sons, Albert B., and Ernest J. Crisp, his sons Herbert G. and Harry E. Crisp, having died in 1910.

ERNEST J. CRISP, C. E. Until Mr. Crisp took the active management and presidency of the Peerless Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company at Elyria, he was a recognized authority as a civil engineer in the construction of waterworks plants, sewerage systems and sewage disposal plants in many localities of Ohio and adjoining states. His first important work in the profession was as engineer in charge during the construction of the splendid system by which the City of Elyria draws its water supply from Lake Erie.

Born at Elyria, Ohio, December 18, 1877, his home has been in that city ever since, except from 1904 to 1910, during which time he made his home in Canton, Ohio. His father was the late George E. Crisp, whose career as a progressive citizen and business man of Elyria has been told on other pages. His mother is Mary (Wyman) Crisp, daughter of John Wyman and still occupying the old home on West Avenue.

The early experiences of Ernest J. Crisp were chiefly found in home and school. After graduating from the Elyria High School in June, 1897, he spent a year in Oberlin College and then four years in Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, where he specialized in civil engineering. He was graduated Bachelor of Sciences in June, 1902. In May, 1910, having presented to Case School a thesis entitled "A Sewage Disposal Plant for Jefferson, Ohio," he was awarded the degree Civil Engineer.

About the time of his graduation in 1902 he became assistant engineer to L. E. Chapin, C. E., of Canton, and it was as Mr. Chapin's representative that he served from 1902 to 1904 as engineer in charge of the construction of the Elyria Waterworks pumping station on Lake Erie and the pipe line connecting the station with the distribution mains of the city. Among public improvements the citizens of Elyria probably take more pride and satisfaction in this than any other.

During the next six years he was almost constantly employed in connection with waterworks surveys and construction in different parts of the country. He assisted in making a report on the valuation of Tiffin Waterworks in 1904, and constructed the Vermillion Waterworks in the same year; he had charge of construction of waterworks at Barnesville, Ohio, in 1904-05; was in charge of construction of Beach City, Ohio, Waterworks and of filtration plant at Benwood, West Virginia, in 1906; for the General Water Company he built at Republic and Aaronsburg, Pennsylvania, the high pressure pumping station, pipe line and reservoir; constructed the waterworks at Jefferson, Ohio, in 1908, and at Huron, Ohio, in 1909. During 1909 and up to April, 1910, he made the preliminary surveys for the Commercial Water Company reservoir at Youngstown, Ohio; and from April to August, 1910, was Lorain County bridge engineer.

After the death of his brother, Harry E. Crisp, in August, 1910, he assumed the duties of manager of The Peerless Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, then located at 117-119 West Avenue in Elyria. During the past five years he has greatly expanded the business which is the leading one of its kind in Lorain County, his experience and skill as an engineer have been instrumental in giving the company a model plant for its work. He designed and had charge of the construction of the building now occupied by the company at 336 Second Street, and also did all the engineering and designing for the Peerless Plant at the same location. Besides the active management of the business, Mr. Crisp is also director and president of The Peerless Laundry & Dry Cleaning Company, is a director of The Elyria Savings and Banking Company, and a director of the Retail Merchants Association. He was a director of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce in 1913, was a director and member of The American Society of Civil Engineers from 1904 to 1912.

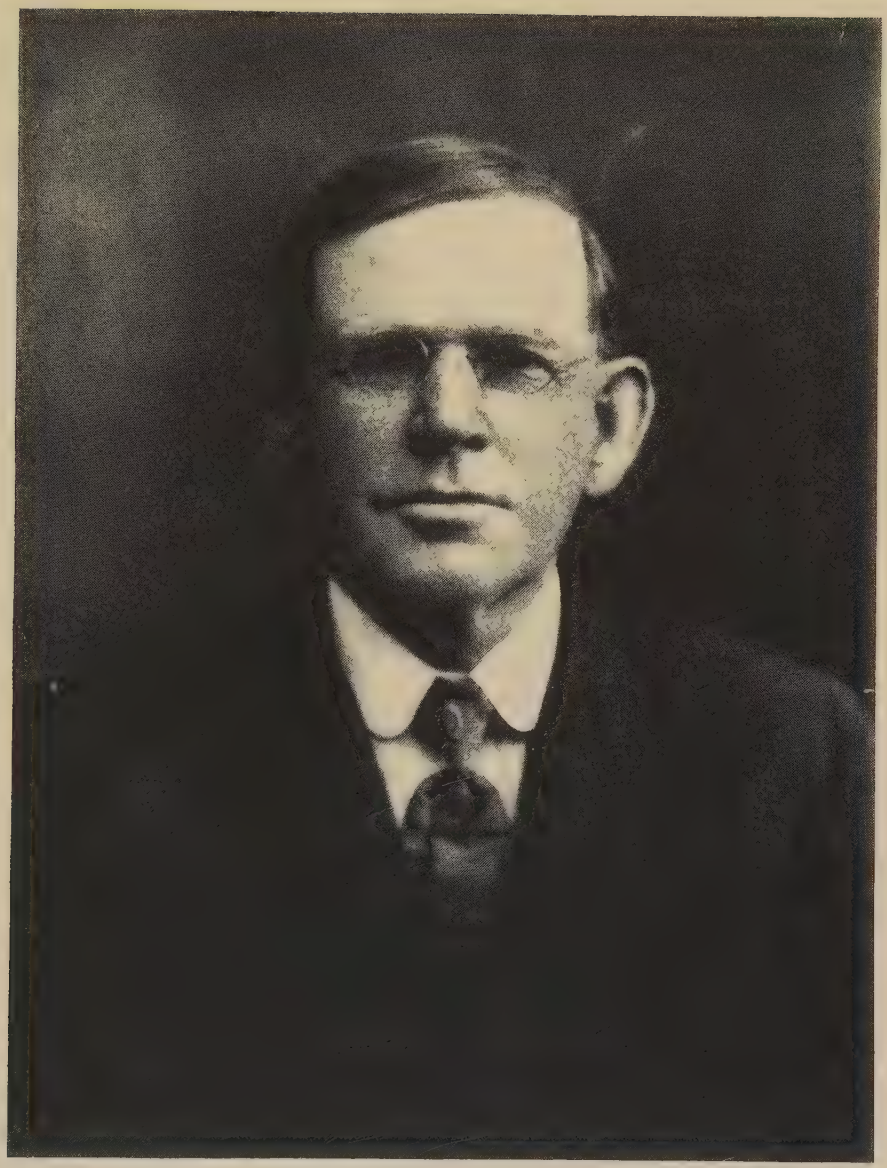
In 1904 he was raised to Master Mason in King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and in 1914 became affiliated with Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons. He also belongs to the Ohio Rho Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is a member of H. P. Chapman Camp No. 6, Sons of Veterans, and a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Elyria. At Barnesville, Ohio, June 12, 1907, Mr. Crisp married Miss Laura M. Dobbins, daughter of Charles P. and Amanda (Blakemore) Dobbins.

D. W. Davies. The record of years well lived, with a creditable performance of all those duties which come to a man of high principles and integrity of character, belongs to Mr. D. W. Davies of Wellington. Mr. Davies has earned his success by application to varied activities. At one time he operated a sawmill, has been in the lumber business and mercantile affairs but his chief success is founded on farming, and he now resides on a splendidly equipped dairy farm near the Village of Wellington.

His birth occurred in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, March 30, 1848, and he is a son of David and Marilla L. (Smith) Davies. His father was born in Pana, Wales, in 1807, came to America from that country in 1835, and landed at Cleveland with 25 cents in his pocket. He had the faculty of a Welshman for hard and thorough work, and he was not long in getting started in the New World. He worked at different lines until 1850, when he moved to Pittsfield Township in Lorain County, and lived on his farm there until his death in 1864. He was married at North Amherst, Ohio, to Marilla L. Smith, who was born at Schuylkill, New York, in 1823, and survived him many years, passing away in January, 1901. There were three children. James F., one of the sons, died during the Civil war. Those living are D. W. Davies and John E., the latter a prospering farmer in South Alberta, Canada. David Davies was a member of the Episcopal Church and in politics a republican, and was honored with several town offices.

D. W. Davies grew up in the country districts of Northern Ohio, attended country school in Pittsfield, and after graduating from Oberlin Business College took up serious pursuits as a farmer. He has been owner of a farm since he was fourteen years of age. For fifteen years he was in the lumber business and spent three years in Indiana where he managed a sawmill and hoop factory. In 1890 Mr. Davies moved to Wellington and bought his present place near that village in 1901. The farm had been allowed to deteriorate through bad management, but he has restored its fertility and has placed many improvements which now make it a model place of eighty-five acres, and he and his family now enjoy the comforts of a beautiful home. Mr. Davies makes a specialty of dairying, and he also does considerable contracting and building. For fifteen years he operated quite extensively in breeding and handling thoroughbred cattle, the Hereford, and a large part of his stock was shipped to Chicago markets.

In 1870 he married Miss Phoebe A. West, a member of an old family of Lorain County. To their marriage were born five children, and those living are: Charles H., who is associated in business with his father; James Monroe, who is doing well as a fruit farmer in Southern Colorado; and Dell M., who finished the high school and the Oberlin Business College, was a teacher for several years, and is now manager of the retail credit department for George H. Bowman Company. The two deceased children are Frank W. and Cora M. The mother of these children passed away April 2, 1910, about forty years after her marriage. She was an active member of the Congregational Church. On August



D. A. Davis

22, 1914, Mr. Davies married Mrs. Allie O. Rood of Lorain, who is also a member of the Congregational Church.

Mr. Davies is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics he is a republican and in past years has acquitted himself creditably in the performance of various public positions. He was town clerk of Pittsfield Township five years, and served as justice of the peace there. In 1890 he was real estate appraiser of Pittsfield Township. For two years he was on the Wellington Council, and in 1900 was made city appraiser of Wellington and also of Wellington Township. In 1910 he was elected real estate appraiser for the Village of Wellington.

Dennis W. Seward. When Dennis W. Seward was elevated from his position as a city mail carrier to postmaster at Elyria, the incident was so nearly unprecedented that it attracted great attention among postal circles all over the country. While the organization of the postal department does not permit of the highest opportunities in the service as a profession, it is true that no other department of government work offers the same possibilities of a career with regular promotion for merit and efficiency. Mr. Seward began when a boy as a special delivery man, and has earned his advancement by the qualities of thoroughness, accuracy and reliability. He is one of the very few men who have been taken out of the ranks of delivery men and made heads of postoffices.

Dennis W. Seward was born in Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio, August 16, 1872, a son of Thomas and Etta (Colgan) Seward. Both parents were natives of Ireland, but grew up in that country with no knowledge of each other. The father came to the United States when about twenty years of age and the mother when about sixteen. Both located in Cleveland, Ohio, where destiny brought them together and where their affection was ripened and matured in the bonds of wedlock. About 1851, a year or so after their marriage, they came to Elyria, when that was a small town. Thomas Seward was a railway workman, and was employed in laying the tracks through Elyria for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Road. He was identified with the service of that company for more than half a century and was esteemed for his hard working qualities, his faithfulness, and his value as a member of the community. He only retired from railroad work after much persuasion from his sons, who were all established in business and were eager for him to spend his last days in comfort and leisure. Thomas Seward died at Elyria, March 25, 1910, at the age of eighty-two, and his wife is still living at the age of seventy-eight. They became the parents of eleven children, five sons and six daughters, and this circle remained unbroken until the death of Frank E., the fourth in the family, on November 17, 1914. In order of age the children are: Catherine, who married J. M. McVey, was born in Cleveland, while all the other children were born in Lorain County. The McVey children are Florence, Fannie, John and Esther. Mary married Robert Gamble of Elyria, and their four children are Thomas, Madeline, William and Walter. Thomas, Jr., of Elyria, married Anna Donahue, and they have one child living, Albert. Frank E., deceased, married Mary McDermott, of Brownhelm, Ohio, and left four children, Thomas, Mildred, Vivian and Helen. Anna is at home; William H. married Agnes Myers, of Monroeville, Ohio, and they have one child, Stanley; Etta is also at home; James B., cashier of the Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Company of Elyria, married Mollie Farrell, of Elyria, Ohio, and their four children are Mary, Frank, Edward and Catherine; Dennis W.; Helen married Robert B. Lersch, a prominent merchant of Elyria, and they have two children, Dorothy

and Jean; Jennie Louise is at home. All the children attended the Elyria parochial schools and the high school.

Dennis W. Seward after getting his education at Elyria was employed in carrying special delivery letters for the Elyria postoffice. This was when he was sixteen years of age, and he was later engaged in transferring the mail to the trains. For the last twenty-two years of his subordinate service in the postoffice he was a city letter carrier, delivering mail through the business district of Elyria. On April 1, 1915, his appointment as postmaster of Elyria by President Woodrow Wilson was confirmed by the Senate, and seldom does an appointive political honor come more justly to one who has already been long identified with and thoroughly familiar with the details of the service.

Mr. Seward is a democrat. He has taken a prominent part in the Knights of Columbus, has been through all the chairs of Elyria Lodge No. 774 of that order, and for three years was district deputy with jurisdiction over the counties of Lorain, Huron, Erie and Cuyahoga. He is also affiliated with Elyria Lodge No. 465 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. His church is St. Mary's Catholic, where he was married November 7, 1899, to Miss Helen Shafer, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Shafer of Elyria. Mrs. Seward was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and comes of a German family. She was educated in the Elyria parochial and high schools. To their marriage have been born four children, two sons and two daughters: Robert Arthur, Theodore Edward, Winifred Pauline and Margaret Gertrude. Mr. Seward has all his life been a busy man and his forms of recreation have been largely in the direction of outdoor sports, both tennis and baseball being among his favorite diversions.

John Johnson Pollock. Among the greatest benefactors of mankind are those public officials who realize in full their duty to the people and do it faithfully and unflinchingly. To this class belongs John J. Pollock, a former mayor of the City of Lorain, who, after assuming the chair as presiding officer of the city government, did some most useful work greatly benefitting the community. Mr. Pollock was born in Stark County, Ohio, June 14, 1868, a son of John and Catherine (Maine) Pollock. The father, for some time a coal miner and merchant at North Lawrence, Ohio, is now living retired at Canton, this state.

John J. Pollock was educated in the public schools and in the high school at Canal Fulton, Ohio, then under the charge of Prof. I. M. Taggart, later taking the preparatory course at Mount Union College. He began industrial life as traveling salesman for a wholesale house, after which he entered the railroad service and was thus occupied until 1899, during this time residing at Alliance, Ohio. On December 3, 1890, Mr. Pollock married Rachel Fisher, of North Lawrence, Ohio, and for the next three years he and his brother-in-law, John Fisher, were engaged in operating coal mines in Ohio. In 1899 he came to Lorain and until 1908 was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. In June of the latter year he went to work as yard master for the National Tube Company, remaining thus engaged until November, 1913, when he was elected mayor of Lorain, taking office in the following January. He had previously served an apprenticeship to politics, having been councilman for two years from the Third (now the Fourth) Ward, and his public and private record were such as to inspire confidence in his fellow citizens and create for him a strong following. After assuming office Mayor Pollock gave the people a progressive administration and effected some important reforms. The control of the public highway on Twenty-

eighth Street has been taken from the street railway company and at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks a subway has been built costing $150,000. Also the Sixth Ward has been connected with the city by continuous pavements and a street railway, and the five former grade crossings, which were a great source of danger and cause of accidents, eliminated. It was also the policy of the administration to create parks and breathing places for children and other inhabitants, and in those existing various improvements were made. The streets were not forgotten, but were kept in good condition and improved whenever feasible; and during the business depression of 1914 and 1915 the poor were aided by an appropriation of $5,000 for charitable purposes. These, and many other things, marked Mayor Pollock's administration—a record that more than justified the choice of the people in elevating him to the chief place in the city government. Mr. Pollock is affiliated with a number of social organizations, including that of Railway Conductors; the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor and representative of the grand lodge; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he is worthy president and was chosen delegate to the national conclave to be held at Spokane, Washington, in 1915, but did not attend, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He and his wife have had three children, one of whom, Bessie, died at the age of three and a half years. The two survivors are Adelbert McKinley and Jennie.

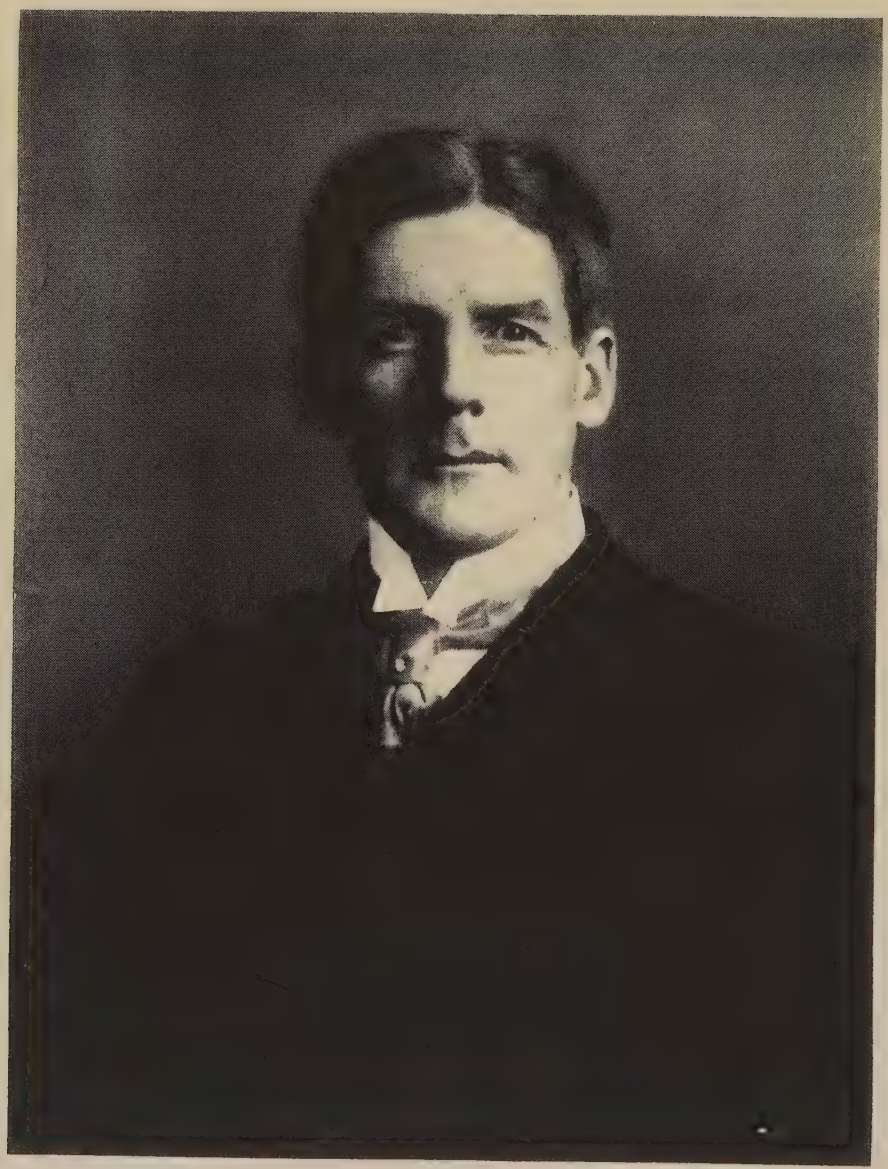
Calvin Wilcox. In the pioneer history of Lorain County, a name that stands forth prominently is that of Calvin Wilcox, who came here in 1825, was for a long period of years engaged in agricultural pursuits, had charge of the railroad station of LaGrange, a position in which he was subsequently succeeded by his sons, and was probably the first postmaster at that place. His was the first frame house erected in the township, and his marriage was the first to be performed here. Throughout his life he was known as a solid, substantial citizen, who encouraged progress and contributed materially to the public welfare.

Calvin Wilcox was born at Charleston, New York, October 4, 1796, a son of Gen. Silvanus and Sarah (Johnson) Wilcox. The family is of English extraction and of Welsh origin. The date of its first emigration to America was 1636, when William and Margaret Wilcox and son came on the ship Planter and settled first at Windsor and later at Stratford, Connecticut. Seventen hundred and eight marked the birth of Ephraim Wilcox, a descendant of the above, who resided at Simsbury, Connecticut, and died in 1773. Silvanus Wilcox joined the Revolutionary Army in 1776 and went to New Haven under General Wood in the same year. Enlisting for three months at Ninscaunee, in 1777 he went to Albany and joined the Continental Army for six months, serving under General Washington, and subsequently was present at the hanging of Major Andre below West Point on the Hudson River. He served under Colonel Willett in Tryon County and was at Canada Creek when Butler was killed, and, having come through the war safely, in 1831 was granted a pension of $55 per year, which he received until his death. Two tombstones mark the resting-place of Silvanus Wilcox and his wife, on the west bank of the Schoharie Creek, on the old homestead in Montgomery County, New York, each bearing an urn and willow. The inscriptions follow: "In memory of Sarah, consort of Gen. Silvanus Wilcox and daughter of the late Robert Johnson of West Stockbridge, who departed this life July 1, 1830, aged sixty-five years, three months and twenty-four days." This would make her birthday March 6, 1765. "Gen. Silvanus Wilcox, died July 10, 1846, aged eighty-four years, one month and fourteen days." From the foregoing his birthday must have been May 26, 1762.

In 1825 Calvin Wilcox, then a young man twenty-nine years of age, left his home at Charleston, Montgomery County, New York, and struck out across the almost unbroken forests for the West, walking the entire distance to the new country of the Western Reserve, his travels coming to an end at LaGrange, Lorain County, Ohio. There he took up a large tract of land and began the life of the hardy pioneer. There were but few people in the southern part of the county at that time and neighbors were far apart, but he had not been long here when he fell a victim to the black eyes and bewitching smiles of a charming young frontier maiden, Harriet Hubbard, and they were married March 8, 1827, this being the first marriage ceremony solemnized in LaGrange Township. They at once took up their abode in the typical backwoods log cabin, but soon became ambitious for a more pretentious and comfortable home, and with much labor drew logs to a water-power sawmill with oxen, this being located on the Black River, near the present site of Grafton Village. With the lumber thus made was erected the old Wilcox homestead, the first frame house in LaGrange Township, which stood until about the year 1910 in the Village of LaGrange, and a cut of which will be found in this work. While Calvin Wilcox carried on farming as his chief vocation, he also engaged in other pursuits, being probably the first postmaster of LaGrange, and, like others of the early-day type, was accustomed to wear a shawl and to carry the letters around in his high hat and collect the postage and perform numerous other duties. His son, Hubbard A., who has separate mention in this work, carried the mail on horseback when a boy between LaGrange and Wooster. Calvin Wilcox was station agent of the old Bee Line, now the Big Four Railroad, from the day the station was opened at LaGrange, and was succeeded in that position by his son, George, and later by another son, Hubbard A. Calvin Wilcox died January 30, 1871, respected and esteemed by the entire community. He had lived a long and useful life and had taken an active and helpful part in the activities which formed the foundation for the present-day structure of prosperity. Mrs. Wilcox, who was born at Champlain, New York, August 11, 1802, died at LaGrange, August 31, 1865. They were the parents of ten children, of whom three survive: William, of LaGrange; Mrs. Addie Gott, of California; and Mrs. Phoebe Taylor, of Indiana. Those dead are: Charles A.; George; Edward F.; Hubbard A.; Sylvanus; Sarah A., who was the wife of the late I. A. Paddock; and Maria L., who was the wife of the late William L. Gott. All were born at LaGrange with the exception of Charles A., who was born at Wellington, Ohio.

Hubbard Avery Wilcox. In the death of Hubbard Avery Wilcox, there passed away one of the best known figures in railroad circles in Northern Ohio. He had started to work for the old Bee Line in 1853, when LaGrange was little more than a siding, grew up with the road, saw all its changes, and after fifty-one years of continuous service, resigned from the Big Four Railroad when aging years had sapped his energy and strength. Few men have had a longer service; none have given to that service more conscientious or able effort; certainly none bore better reputations or held in greater measure the confidence of their employers and the regard and affection of their fellow-employes. When he died, February 23, 1906, the entire community mourned.

Hubbard Avery Wilcox was born at LaGrange, Lorain County, Ohio, March 29, 1834, a son of Calvin and Harriet (Hubbard) Wilcox, old pioneers of this county, a sketch of whose long and useful careers will be found elsewhere in this work. The lad had the benefits of a home training that early instilled in him a love for honesty and fidelity, and his industry was demonstrated when he was still a lad, when he en-



H. C. Wilcox

gaged in carrying the mail horseback from LaGrange to Wooster. He succeeded his brother, George Wilcox, who in turn had succeeded their father, Calvin Wilcox, in the agency of the railroad at LaGrange, the father having been the incumbent from the opening of the office. It was a local tradition that the position would always remain in the family, but subsequent developments have allowed it to go to other hands. From the start of the railroad here Mr. Wilcox watched with interest and the eye of a proprietor its history, remaining stanchly with it during its various changes of organization, through the days of the old Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis, to its present style of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, or, as it is probably more familiarly known, the Big Four. The savings from his salary were judiciously invested in farm land in the vicinity of the village, and around the division office at Cleveland Mr. Wilcox was a familiar and welcome figure. Mr. Wilcox was about seventy years of age at the time of his retirement, in 1904, when the road lost one of its most faithful servants. Popular with all, efficient and prompt in his duties, courteous in their discharge, he had won hosts of friends and well-wishers. During the hours of his funeral business was suspended at LaGrange, the business men attending in a body, while the cortege to the cemetery was very long and included many friends from a long distance. Three sons and three grandsons, E. F., A. H., H. C., George, Carl and Albert Wilcox, were the pall-bearers. At the funeral services "Refuge" and "Lead, Kindly Light," which had been chosen by Mr. Wilcox, were sung.

On July 3, 1856, Mr. Wilcox was married to Miss Elizabeth Powers, who was born at Ashland, Ohio, May 3, 1837, and died at the family home at LaGrange, November 24, 1907. For almost a half a century, or until the death of the husband, February 23, 1906, they were the principals in one of the most ideal homes of the community. The beauty of Mrs. Wilcox's life was in its simplicity. She was utterly devoid of ostentation, and rather retired to the privacy of her home, where she found her greatest pleasure, and even after her husband's death, when left alone and broken in health, she refused to leave its shelter, preferring that it might not be broken up. She was a Christian woman who lived her Christianity every day of her life, and from her girlhood was a devout and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, two are living: Avery H., of Pittsfield, Ohio, and Hon. Harvey Clyde, of Elyria, judge of probate of Lorain County, the latter of whom has separate mention in another part of this work. A son, Calvin P. Wilcox, and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth ("Birdie") Van-Benschoten, have been deceased for several years, and another son, Edward F., died at LaGrange, in March, 1915.

Hon. Harvey Clyde Wilcox. Among the members of the Lorain County bench, none are more highly esteemed than Hon. Harvey Clyde Wilcox, judge of the Probate and Juvenile Courts of Lorain County. Endorsed by civic and professional bodies when he appeared as a candidate for this office, since taking his seat upon the bench he has vindicated the faith and trust reposed in him, and is proving a most dignified, impartial and capable jurist.

Judge Wilcox was born at LaGrange, Lorain County, Ohio, September 27, 1872, and belongs to an old and honored pioneer family of the county, being a son of the late Hubbard A. and Elizabeth (Powers) Wilcox, a complete sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this work. There were four sons and one daughter in the family, all of whom lived to maturity, although Judge Wilcox and a brother, A. H. Wilcox, of Pittsfield, Ohio, are the only survivors. The early education of Judge Wilcox was secured in the public schools of LaGrange, where he gradu-

ated from the high school, and this was supplemented by attendance at the Ohio State University and Baldwin University. From the latter institution he received first the degree of B. Ph. and later the degree of A. M., and received the degree of LL. B. at the Cleveland Law School. Thus ably equipped he began the practice of his profession, and followed it until elected county clerk of Lorain County in 1902 for a three-year term. While serving thus he took a post-graduate course at Baldwin University, but that he did not allow his studies to interfere with the performance of his duties is shown in that he was re-elected to succeed himself in the elections of 1905 and made a record in that office for integrity and efficiency that has been excelled by none. Judge Wilcox had been admitted to the bar by examination, and when he retired from the county clerk's office he resumed the practice of his profession at Elyria. In the fall elections of 1912 he appeared as candidate for the office of judge of probate of Lorain County, on the republican ticket, and was immediately endorsed by the attorneys of the county as a man who had had ample experience in matters of law as well as in court cases to justify his request at the hands of the people. By reason of his ability, character and experience, he is splendidly equipped for judicial position. He was also recommended for nomination and election in the report of the Oberlin College Civic Club, in its pamphlet issued in the fall of 1912. Securing the election, Judge Wilcox took his seat upon the bench February 9, 1913, for a term of four years, and has continued to distinguish himself in the performance of his duties in a wise and eminently fair manner. He is also judge of the Lorain County Juvenile Court, which court was established in 1913, he becoming judge of the court at that time.

Judge Wilcox is an ardent republican and for several years was secretary of the Republican County Committee, but since assuming his judicial duties has retired somewhat from political life. He is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. His fraternal connection is with Lodge No. 465, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was exalted ruler for two terms, and Premier Lodge No. 500 of the Knights of Pythias. With his family, he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church of Elyria, Ohio, in which he is superintendent of the Sunday school. He has always been a close devotee of out-of-door sports and athletics.

Judge Wilcox was married at LaGrange, Ohio, to Miss Grace L. Freeman, daughter of D. C. and Harriet (Turner) Freeman, of that city, where the former still resides, the latter being deceased. Four children have been born to Judge and Mrs. Wilcox: Elizabeth, Josephine, Hubbard and Evangeline.

Edward J. Stankard. A record for physical efficiency and courage, united with capable judgment, were the basis for the promotion of Edward J. Stankard from a long career in the interurban railway service to the office of chief of the police department at Elyria. Prior to his election as chief Mr. Stankard had no experience as a guardian of the peace, but the capable manner in which he has handled the office, the effective discipline which has been maintained among his subordinates, have so completely justified his original appointment that he has now served under three different mayors of the city.

A native of Erie County, Ohio, Edward J. Stankard was born ten miles south of Sandusky on a farm, June 22, 1876. His parents were John and Jane (McQue) Stankard. His father was a native of France and his mother of Ireland. The latter, after the death of her parents in the old country, came to America with her two sisters, and located in New York State, where she met and married John Stankard. The latter,

whose father was a Frenchman and his mother an Irish woman, was taken in early childhood from France to England, where Grandfather Stankard died when his son John was about three years of age. Grandfather Stankard was a shepherd by occupation and had the responsibility of looking after the sheep of a large estate. When John Stankard had reached the age of thirteen he and his mother started across the ocean for the United States. She died while the vessel was in mid-ocean and was buried at sea, and the son soon afterwards landed alone in New York City. Though a boy of but thirteen he had that same independence of purpose and energy which have been the characteristics of Chief Stankard, and was soon working on a farm just outside the City of New York. From there he went to St. Louis, Missouri, and found employment as a cabin boy on a Mississippi River cotton packet. The vessel was engaged in transporting cotton up and down the Mississippi and across the gulf, and this was during the war with Mexico, and at one time the boat came so close to a Mexican battery that it was fired upon and shells set fire to the cargo. The crew managed to throw overboard a large part of the burning cotton and finally got the vessel to shore. Later John Stankard found similar employment on another boat which was hauling steel for railroad construction. One day he was a witness to the tragic death of the captain of the vessel. The captain in tipping his chair back on the upper deck fell to the lower deck, and striking against a part of the cargo of steel rails was killed. The cabin boy was so much affected by this tragic incident that he immediately gave up his employment. After this boating experience he returned to New York State, where some brothers were working at the time on farms. While living there he met and married Miss McQue, and from there they moved out to Ohio, locating in Bellevue. There he found employment in a distillery, and remained about two years. His employment was terminated by the bursting of a big vat and while two other men were scalded to death, John Stankard received injuries which laid him up for about eighteen months, and he carried to his grave the scars from his burns on the side and right arm. This occurred during the Civil war period, and while he was recuperating from his injuries he was drafted for service in the army, but his condition was such that he was unable to respond. After the war he moved to Erie County, bought a small tract of thirty-five acres of land, cleared it up, and continued in agricultural lines the rest of his life. He added fifteen acres to the homestead, making fifty acres in all, and subsequently bought 100 acres half a mile from the first home, and this place of 100 acres is still owned by his estate, being the joint property of Chief Stankard and his brothers and sisters. The old homestead of fifty acres was willed to a crippled son, John C., before the death of the mother. John Stankard died at the old home July 16, 1913, and his wife passed away there June 9, 1898. In the family were ten children, five sons and five daughters, and two of the sons are now deceased. John C., the oldest, and the occupant of the old homestead, for more than twenty-five years served as assessor of Oxford Township in Erie County. The daughter Margaret is now Mrs. George E. Homan, living near Canton, Ohio. The third in order of age was Michael, who was an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway and died in 1890 at the age of thirty-six. Mary is the wife of J. A. Chay, a railroad man living at Youngstown, Ohio. James is a resident of Newark, Ohio, and is a stationary engineer in the Newark Glass Works. The daughters Jane and Lillian both reside at home, and following them in age is Edward J. Robert H., the youngest, was drowned near Huron, Ohio, while fishing, on June 20, 1897, at the age of eighteen. All these children were born at the old home in Erie County, were educated in that locality, and the daughter Mary also

attended the normal school at Milan, a village otherwise noted as the birthplace of Thomas Edison, and for several years she taught school in the district around her old home in Erie County.

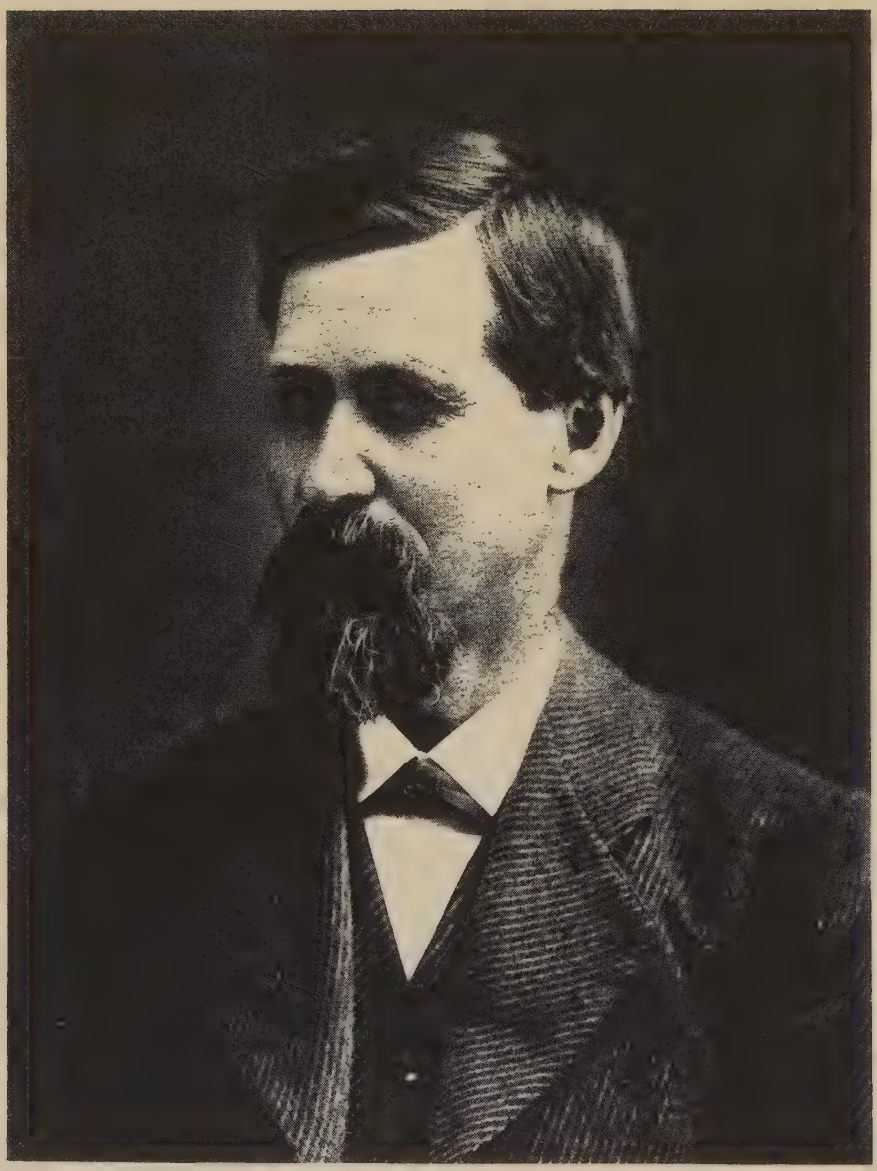
The early associations of Chief Stankard were with the farm and the locality of his birth in Erie County. He attended the local schools and for one winter was in the Milan Normal. He engaged in farming until the age of twenty-one and then began his career in railroad service at Sandusky. For about two years he was with the old Sandusky & Interurban, now a part of the Lake Shore Electric Railroad. He was first employed in construction work, and when the road was taken over by the Lake Shore he was put on as a motorman on the Sandusky, Milan & Norwalk branch. He continued in faithful and efficient service as a motorman for fifteen months, making the run between Sandusky and Norwalk, and was then transferred to the Cleveland & Toledo Division, being a motorman for about two years between Cleveland and Sandusky. Leaving the Lake Shore he came to the Cleveland & Southwestern Electric Railway, and was in its service about seven years, operating a construction train for four years, and the rest of the time as motorman on a run between Cleveland and Wellington.

It was on January 1, 1910, that Mr. Stankard came to Elyria to take the post of chief of police. At that time, as already stated, he knew nothing about police work, but his capabilities and qualifications in other ways made up for his lack of experience in this particular line. Mr. Stankard succeeded in the office of chief of police, William Whitney, who, in 1914, was elected sheriff of Lorain County and mention of whom will be found on other pages. Mr. Stankard took the office under Mayor Thomas A. Conway, and has since been continued in the office by Mayor David S. Troxel and now under Mayor Tucker.

Politically Chief Stankard is a democrat and has affiliations with the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Columbus, the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mr. Stankard and Miss Helen G. Swindell of Cleveland, were married in the St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Cleveland, April 28, 1908. Her mother is Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, still living in Cleveland. Mrs. Stankard's father died when she was a child, and her mother later married Mr. Reynolds, who is also deceased. Mrs. Stankard was born in Grafton, Lorain County, and received her education in the Cleveland public schools. To their marriage have been born two children: Edward G., who was born in Elyria, April 26, 1909; and Marion V., born November 7, 1911.

Mr. Stankard finds his chief delight in his home and in his associations with his small children. He is devoted to the interests and responsibilities of his office and is also a lover of the great national pastime of baseball. At the meeting in Mansfield, Ohio, August 8, 1914, Chief Stankard was elected vice president of the Ohio Police Association, a large organization composed of the chiefs of police, detectives and constables in the state, and with a membership of over 200. This fitting honor which came to "Big Ed," as he is known among his associates, was followed in August, 1915, by his promotion to president of the same association. The meeting of the association in 1915 was held at Cedar Point, and Mr. Stankard was elected by a vote of sixteen to fourteen, the choice being subsequently made unanimous. As president he succeeds Jake Mintz of Cleveland. As a local paper said in comment on his election, "the honor that has come to Chief Stankard is worthily disposed, and we are sure he will wear it in the same quiet way in which he goes about his daily duties in this city."



John A. Topliff

John Adams Topliff was born April 11, 1827, in Mansfield, Connecticut, the tenth child of Horatio and Sally (Sargeant) Topliff. The father, who was born August 31, 1785, married November 12, 1806, and died April 16, 1857. Horatio Topliff was the fifteenth child of Calvin and Jerusha (Bicknell) Topliff. Calvin Topliff was born in Milton, Connecticut, August 24, 1729, married on January 9, 1758, and died December 23, 1809. He was the seventh child of Capt. Samuel and Hannah (Prescott) Topliff of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Captain Topliff was born May 30, 1695; married February 8, 1715, and died November 1, 1754. He was made captain after the birth of his second child and moved with his family to Connecticut. He was the tenth child of Samuel and Patience Topliff. Samuel Topliff was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, May 7, 1646, and died December 10, 1722. He was ordained deacon August 1, 1692, and ruling elder February 3, 1701. He was the fourth child of Clement and Sarah Topliff. Clement was born in England November 17, 1603, and came to America in 1635. He was one of the early settlers of Dorchester, Massachusetts. He died December 24, 1672.

John A. Topliff was one of twelve children and his father was a New England farmer. John was twenty years younger than his eldest brother. His father found it a severe tax to educate his large family, and John worked as an apprentice and later for wages until he earned $100, which he paid to his father for the purchase of the minor years of his life. He then earned enough to educate himself, first at Wilbraham Academy, at Wilbraham, Connecticut, and later at Union College, Schenectady, New York. After leaving Union College he studied law, and only gave up entering the profession on the advice of Lewis Beers whose daughter, Caroline, he wished to marry, Mr. Beers advocating that the professions were crowded with men who could not even obtain recognition, although they might have merit, but that good business men were scarce, and in the business world there was a place for every man of ability.

John Topliff went to Lexington, Kentucky, in 1852 and engaged in the manufacture of carriages. A year later he moved to Elyria, Ohio, thinking that the opportunities for advancement greater in Ohio than in Kentucky.

On September 9, 1854, he was married in Stratford, Connecticut, to Caroline Beers, who was born July 14, 1827, and died March 2, 1895. She was a daughter of Deacon Lewis Beers, born August 18, 1799, and died July 15, 1870. He was married April 19, 1826 to Rebecca Curtis, who was born December 14, 1801, and died November 21, 1836. Lewis Beers was the son of Matthew Beers (born October, 1759, and died November 25, 1837) and Sarah (Curtis) Beers (born April 23, 1769, and died January 6, 1823). Matthew Beers was a Revolutionary soldier who received a grant of land for "distinguished service." He was wounded in battle and carried the marks to his grave. He was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Beers.

Joseph 3rd, born October 13, 1727, was the son of Joseph 2nd (married March 6, 1721) and Sarah Clarke. Joseph 2nd was the son of Joseph and Abigail. This Joseph was the son of James and Martha (Barlow) Beers. James 2nd was the son of James 1st of Kent, England, who was a descendent of Anthony Bere, 1486.

John A. Topliff was a mayor of Elyria in the year 1856, and took a prominent part in the civic life of the city, and always aided in its upbuilding. He was public spirited and generous. There are men of mark in the United States today who were helped to receive their edu-

cation by him. His motto was "Help others to help themselves." A motto that he lived up to in a way that even his best friends little realized.

He was the senior partner of the firm of Topliff and Ely whose business was the manufacture of carriage hardware. They made a specialty of the tubular carriage-bow, which John Topliff invented and patented.

John and Caroline Topliff were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Elyria, which later changed its name to the First Congregational Church. They had five children: Fanny Maria, born August 20, 1855, was a student of Oberlin College. She married August 8, 1877, Walter Egerton Brooks, of Elyria, and she died December 5, 1893. There were three children by this marriage: Harold Topliff, born December 19, 1882, deceased; Margaret Egerton, a graduate of Vassar, class 1906, married Theodore E. Faxon, a graduate of Cornell, who died in 1914, and they had one child, Theodore Brooks Faxon, born September 20, 1908; and John Prentice, a graduate of Cornell. Frank, born January 1, 1857, died in 1860. Edmund Lewis, born September 2, 1860, was drowned while skating on December 8, 1877. Susan Caroline, born December 14, 1862, class of '86 Smith College, married September 3, 1889, Archibald Hunt Davis, a graduate of the University of Virginia and a resident of Atlanta Georgia, and they have three children—Archibald Hunt, Jr., born July 13, 1890, a graduate, class 1910, of Georgia Technological School, awarded a Silver Carnegie Medal in 1909, and settled in Schenectady, New York; John Topliff, born June 15, 1893; Noah Knowles, born February 20, 1904. Harry, born in 1864, died in 1866.

John A. Topliff was a man of broad culture, with a keen appreciation of art and letters. He traveled extensively both in Europe and America, and gave the privileges of travel to the others of his family. He lived in Elyria until the time of the death of his wife, in 1895, when he went to Atlanta, Georgia, and made his home with his daughter Susan until his death, on March 27, 1899.

SUSAN TOPLIFF DAVIS.

STANLEY G. SHAW. Of that prominent and well known Lorain County family of Shaw, one of the younger generation now has a conspicuous place in local affairs as county treasurer.

Born at Ridgeville in Lorain County, June 23, 1881, Stanley G. Shaw was educated in the public schools, graduated from the Elyria High School in 1898, and for three years was a student in Oberlin College. On leaving college he became bookkeeper with the old Lorain Machine & Forge Company for two years, and then entered the county treasurer's office as deputy in 1904. In 1912 he was elected county treasurer, and reelected in 1914, and has held that office and given it a most capable administration since 1913. In politics he is a republican.

Mr. Shaw is a director in the Elyria Savings & Banking Company, is treasurer of the Associated Charities, and has interests as a stockholder in a number of enterprises both at Elyria and elsewhere. He is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, with Marshall Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and belongs to the chamber of commerce.

At Nashville, Tennessee, June 27, 1904, he married Miss Ellen E. Wright, a daughter of Herbert H. and Frances (Bosworth) Wright. Her parents formerly lived at Oberlin, and Professor Wright held a position as dean in Fisk University at Nashville, Tennessee. In 1914

the Wright family moved to Elyria, and Professor Wright is now retired. Mrs. Shaw was born at Defiance, Ohio, and completed her education in the Oberlin Academy and Oberlin College, graduating in 1902. She represents a very old American family, her first ancestor in direct line having been Thomas Wright, who was born in England in 1610 and died in Massachusettts in 1670. The Wrights were also connected with several well known families who came over in the Mayflower in 1620. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have three children, all born in Elyria, and named Marguerite F., Ralph H. and John F.

The ancestry and family relationship of the county treasurer is one of note. His grandparents, Samuel Horatio and Juliaett (Wiley) Shaw established their home in Ridgeville Township in 1851, and they are still living, venerable people, who celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary in January, 1915. Their home is still at Ridgeville. The first ancestor of the Shaw family was Abraham Shaw, who was married in Halifax, England, in 1616, and died at Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1638. He came to America during the decade of the '30s, and the family was numerously represented in Massachusetts until 1800 or later. Beginning with Abraham Shaw there are eleven successive generations down to and including Stanley G. Shaw. In a later generation was Constant Shaw, who was born in 1778, and died in Summit County, Ohio, December 27, 1863. His wife, Mercy Pitts, was born in 1781 and also died at Bath. Samuel Shaw, a son of Constant, was born at Bristol, New York, in 1804, was married in 1827 to Charlotte Hale, and he died at Bath, Ohio, January 24, 1836, while his wife, who was born in Bristol, February 28, 1809, died December 24, 1894.

Horatio Shaw, the venerable Ridgeville citizen already mentioned, was a son of Samuel and Charlotte, and was born in Bristol, New York, April 9, 1829. On January 14, 1851, he married Juliaett Wiley, who was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1830. Her father, Joseph B. Wiley, who was born at Schenectady, New York, June 22, 1800, and died in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1837, was married in 1821 to Anna Shaw, who was born in Massachusetts in April, 1801, and died at North Ridgeville, Ohio, December 28, 1867. This Anna Shaw was a daughter of Abraham Shaw, who was born in 1770 and died at North Ridgeville, Ohio, in April, 1861. Samuel H. Shaw on coming to Lorain County in 1851 located on a small farm in Ridgeville Township, and in time cleared up and improved an excellent farmstead. He also filled the offices of trustee and school director, and his name and influence have long been closely identified with that community. He and his wife had the following children: Zimri A.; Arthur B.; Diana B., who married Lafayette C. Phillips; Dora D., who died at the age of two years; Oscar H.; Alfaretta, who married Morris K. Bills, and Lola M.

Zimri A. Shaw, father of the present county treasurer of Lorain County, was born at North Ridgeville, May 2, 1852, and is now living retired, after more than forty-five years of constant service with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company. He resigned his position in 1914. As a boy of fifteen he had entered the employ of the railway company as an assistant at Shawville Station, then known as Ridgeville Station. He learned telegraphy, became night operator, resigned to complete his education at Oberlin Academy, and then became agent at Shawville, a position which he held continuously until recently. Zimri A. Shaw was married March 9, 1875, to Lizzie Lucinda Ramsdell. Their older son is Archer H. Shaw, who graduated from the Elyria High School in 1893, from Oberlin College in 1897, and has since been identified with the editorial staff of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Archer

H. Shaw married Clara Annis Terrell, daughter of Orson J. Terrell of Ridgeville Township. Mrs. Z. A. Shaw, who is also still living, was born in New York State October 6, 1856, and is descended from Abednego Ramsdell, who was killed as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In the next generation was Moses Ramsdell, who was born in Rhode Island in 1761, and died in New York State May 16, 1834, and married Nancy Lapham, who was born June 16, 1770, and died April 3, 1844. In the next generation was Abner L. Ramsdell, who was born in New York State February 10, 1805, and died there September 8, 1872. He married Lucinda Healey, who was born January 25, 1807, and died May 19, 1886. A son of Abner L. was Olney Ramsdell, father of Mrs. Z. A. Shaw. He was born in New York February 10, 1829, and was married at East Cleveland, Ohio, April 8, 1853, to Mary Jayred, who was born in New Jersey May 19, 1833, and the relationship of the Jayred family is traced back for several generations in New Jersey.

Chapman Family. One of the primary objects of such a publication as the Standard History of Lorain County is to give permanent record to the activities and personalities of the leading old families. There are few that can claim establishment at an earlier date in this section of Northern Ohio than the Chapman family. While nearly a century has passed since the first of that name came into the then wilderness of Eaton Township, for nearly two centuries prior to that time the successive generations have been identified with the old colony and State of Connecticut and it will be appropriate to begin this record with the establishment of the Chapman family on the American shores early in the seventeenth century. The Chapmans are not only among the oldest of New England stock but as the following paragraphs will show many of them have been prominent as leaders in church, legislators, magistrates, in business and the professions, as patriots and soldiers, and with careers of dignified and useful service in whatever station of the world they have held.

The record begins with Robert Chapman, who according to family tradition came from Hull, England, to Boston in 1635. So far as authentic records go he completely dissevered himself from his home and family in England when he crossed the ocean, and nothing definite can be stated concerning the English ancestry. After arriving at Boston he sailed in company with Lyon Gardiner for Saybrook, Connecticut, being one of the company of twenty men sent over from England by Sir Richard Saltonstall for the express purpose of taking possession of a large tract of land and making settlement near the mouth of the Connecticut River under a patent of Lord Say and Seal. The traditional date of his birth is placed in 1616, so that at this time Robert Chapman was about eighteen years old. After the Indian tribes along the Connecticut River had been sufficiently subdued the company undertook the next task, clearing the forest and establishing a permanent community. For about ten years after leaving England Robert Chapman kept a journal, and many items from this have been preserved. It is on the authority of the colony records that the remarkable length of the service given not only by him but by each of his three sons as legislators is established. He was elected forty-three times to represent his community in the law making body of Connecticut, while his eldest son served twenty-two sessions, the second son eighteen sessions, and the third son twenty-four sessions. As his name appears as a sentinel in the Pequot Indian war of 1637, Robert Chapman also did military service at that time and perhaps on other occasions as required. The records of Saybrook prove him one of the very large land holders in that town and in the Town of East Haddam. At the time of his death he left to

each of his three sons 1,500 acres. This vast estate had come to him as one of the legatees of Uncas, an Indian chief. Robert's homestead, on a tract of land in the Oyster River quarter, about two miles west of Saybrook Fort, has descended in the line of the youngest son of each successive generation, never having been bought or sold outside the family, until in 1854 it was occupied by George H. Chapman, Esq., youngest in the fifth generation from Robert. A son of Puritan parents, Robert Chapman received from them their religious zeal, and all his life was a man of exemplary piety. Only a short time before his death he wrote an address to his children, all of who were members of the church, in which he exhorted them to a devoted life and to abide by the covenant into which they had entered with God and his church. In the office of the Connecticut secretary of state are on file several letters written to Robert Chapman.

Robert Chapman died October 13, 1687, at the age of seventy-one. He was married April 29, 1642, to Ann Bliss. That union produced seven children: John, Robert Jr., Anna, Hannah, Nathaniel, Mary and Sarah.

Robert Chapman, Jr., second son of the first settler, was born in September, 1646, at Saybrook, and was an extensive agriculturist, owning at the time of his death not less than 2,000 acres. The town records show him to have been a man of large influence in civic affairs. For many years he was clerk of Oyster River Quarter, as well as commissioner and surveyor for the Town of Saybrook. From 1692 to 1711 he was a member of the Legislature, as already recorded. An even more interesting fact is that he was a member of the assembly that drafted the Saybrook platform in 1708, a work that has preserved the purity of the Congregational churches of Connecticut for more than two centuries. Robert Jr.'s first marriage was to Sarah Griswold of Norwich, Connecticut, on July 27, 1671. She became the mother of nine children, and died April 7, 1692. On October 29, 1694, he married Mrs. Mary Sheather, and by that union had four children. Those of the first marriage were named Samuel, Robert, Sarah, Francis, Dorcas, Steven, the next, a son, dying in infancy, then a second named Sarah and the last being also a son who died in infancy. By the second marriage the children were Benjamin, Steven, Mehitabel and Abigail. Robert Chapman, Jr., died suddenly while in the Hartford courtroom in November, 1711. He was laid away in the old burial ground at Hartford, in the rear of the Center Church, and on his tombstone, which can now be found about a rod north of the monument on which are inscribed the names of the first settlers of Hartford, is this inscription: "Here lyeth the body of Robert Chapman who departed this life November ye 10th, 1711, aged 65 years."

Capt. Samuel Chapman, eldest son of Robert Jr., was born September 12, 1672. On December 6, 1693, he married Margaret Griswold, a daughter of Capt. Samuel Griswold of Norwich. By her he had ten children. Mrs. Chapman died December 21, 1750. Captain Samuel was prominent both in civic and military affairs. His home was in what is now the Town of Westbrook, and he was one of the original fourteen persons who were banded into a church organization at that place June 29, 1726. The date of his death is not known. His children were: Sarah, Margaret, Samuel, Martha, Temperance, Jedediah, Mehitabel, Caleb, Lucy and Aaron.

Jedediah, second son of Captain Samuel, was born at Westbrook, October 9, 1703. He married Miss Hester Kirkland June 5, 1723, and there were eight children. Jedediah was well known in Westbrook as a soldier, citizen and churchman, served as a major in the infantry, was by profession a lawyer, and held the possession of deacon in the

church from 1732 until his death which occurred at Westbrook, February 10, 1764, in his sixty-first year. The names of his children were Hester, Temperance, Jedediah, Ann, Reuben, Charity, Chloe and Tabitha.

Jedediah (second) eldest son of Major Jedediah, was born at Westbrook, December 15, 1726, and was married to Miss Mary Grinnell in 1755. From 1771 until his death on February 29, 1816, a period of forty-four years, he also served the church of Westbrook as deacon. He was for twenty years a justice of the peace. The Chapmans lived to great age, and this Jedediah was ninety at the time of his death. His children were Dan, Jedediah, Constant, Hester, Lucilla, Mary, Ann and Aaron.

Constant, son of Deacon Jedediah Chapman, was born at Westbrook, Connecticut, December 27, 1760, and on January 27, 1785, married Miss Jemima Kelsey of Killingworth, Connecticut. They had nine children. The Chapman descendants get their eligibility to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution through Constant Chapman, who at the early age of sixteen entered the Revolutionary army and for six years was under the immediate command of Washington. For a time he was one of that general's body guard. He was in the battle on Long Island, at Germantown, Princeton and Trenton, experienced all the rigors of the winter at Valley Forge, and participated in that great triumph of American arms in the final surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Further interest attaches to his career for the fact that he was the first in this branch to follow the sea as a calling. He was a sailor for many years, and rose to the position of commander of a merchant vessel trading on the coast of South America, also across the ocean to Lisbon and other foreign ports. In 1793, during the friction between the youthful Republic of America and the French government, which almost precipitated a war between the two countries, the vessel of which he was captain was captured by the French off Porto Rico, was scuttled and sunk, while he and his crew were carried prisoners to the French Island of Guadaloupe. After four months he was liberated. On retiring from the sea he chose a residence in the interior, and his last days were spent at Brimfield in Portage County, Ohio, where he died in 1850 at the age of ninety. His children were Lydia K., Thurot F., John K., Anna M., Chloe P., Mary C., Joseph G., Jemima T. and Henry C. It is noticeable that the children of Constant all had middle names, a practice which was not followed in the earlier generations.

The history of the Chapman family in Northern Ohio begins with Thurot F. Chapman, eldest son of the Revolutionary soldier Constant. Thurot was born at Old Killingworth, Connecticut, December 7, 1789. He was twice married. November 17, 1810, he married Lydia Andress, who became the mother of one child. October 16, 1833, he married Elizabeth Furray, and there were three children of that union. The military record of the family is continued through Thurot F. Chapman, who in the War of 1812 enlisted in Colonel Van Rensselaer's Regiment of New York Militia, crossed the Niagara River into Canada, and participated in the battle of Queenstown Heights, where he was taken prisoner and afterwards paroled. Like his father, he also followed the sea for a time, being engaged in the coasting trade, and for a number of years operated vessels engaged in codfishing off the Banks of Newfoundland and the Straits of Belle Isle. A character sketch of Thurot F. Chapman shows him to be a man of sterling integrity, of most generous impulses, so that the poor and oppressed were never turned from his door without practical help, and during the early half of the last century, while living in Northern Ohio, his home proved a refuge to many a poor slave who was following the underground railroad route to freedom in Canada. He kept these fugitives, fed and sheltered them, and carried them over his section of the underground railroad to the

next station. For several years Thurot F. Chapman lived at Smithville, Chenango County, New York, but in 1817 emigrated to the wilderness of the Ohio Western Reserve, and the greater part of his life thereafter was spent in Lorain County. As a pioneer few individuals did a more important work in clearing away the primeval wilderness which was the primary obstacle to cultivation and the real establishment of civilization in this country. For a number of years he carried on this work both by his own labor and by superintendence of others, and is said to have cleared up and fenced nearly 300 acres of land. Thurot F. Chapman died in Lorain County, December 16, 1860, at the age of seventy-one. He made his Christianity a practical force in everyday life, was one of the early members of the Congregational school in Lorain County and was one of the strongest forces working for morality and clean living in the early days. The children of Thurot F. Chapman were: Alonzo A., whose name is taken up in the following paragraphs: Emily A., wife of Lucius R. Fields of Oberlin; Degrass S., who enlisted during the Civil war in Company K of the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was wounded at the battle of Antietam and died six days later in the field hospital at the age of twenty-four; and Harlan P., of whom a separate sketch appears. The mother of the last three children was born in New Durham, Greene County, New York, March 9, 1804, and lost her life as the result of an accident at Oberlin, June 12, 1876.

Alonzo A. Chapman, eldest son of Thurot F., was born August 25, 1811, at Smithfield, New York, and was only a child when his parents brought him to Lorain County, Ohio, in 1817. He was married September 30, 1832, to Miss Margaret Taylor, and had seven children by that union. He grew up in Eaton Township, and for many years was a farmer there, and was also called upon to fill various positions of trust in civic and religious bodies. For more than half a century he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to the first class organized at LaPorte. In 1866 he moved his family to Ridgeville, in Henry County, Ohio, and for many years was in the lumber business. His death occurred at Ridgeville Corners, August 5, 1890, at the age of seventy-nine. His children were: William T., Mary L., Henry L. (first), Emory N., Pamela A., Facelia and Henry L. (second).

William T. Chapman, eldest son of Alonzo A., was born in Eaton Township of Lorain County on Butternut Ridge, July 10, 1833. He was married March 21, 1854, to Miss Fidelia S. Bannister, and became the father of three children. Perhaps no man in Lorain County made a more notable record as an educator than William T. Chapman. He entered the profession in the fall of 1852 and followed it practically continuously save for his service in the army until the spring of 1890, a period of thirty-eight years. His record aggregates fifty-seven terms. Eighteen of these terms were taught in Lorain County, one term in Cuyahoga County, two terms in Defiance County, two terms in Lucas County, twenty-three terms in Henry County, and eleven terms in Fulton County, all in Ohio. In 1867 he removed with his family to Henry County, settling in Ridgeville, and lived there for a number of years. His children were: Minnie E., Myra O., and Myrta J.

The sons of Alonzo Chapman made a notable record as soldiers in the Civil war. William T. enlisted as a private August 4, 1862, and upon the organization of his company was made a sergeant. In December, 1862, he was made orderly sergeant, and in June following received his commission as second lieutenant of Company H, One Hundred and Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In March, 1864, he was discharged for physical disability by order of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

The second son of Alonzo A. Chapman, Emory N. Chapman, enlisted August 11, 1862, in Company H of the One Hundred and Third Ohio

Infantry, and was discharged September 17, 1864, on account of wounds received at Resaca, Georgia, on May 14, 1864.

Henry L., fourth son of Alonzo, enlisted December 24, 1863, in Company F of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and being taken with the smallpox was left in a tobacco shed at Concord Station in East Tennessee, and while there both feet were frozen so the toes came off. For these injuries he received an honorable discharge May 31, 1865.

HARLAN P. CHAPMAN. A gallant soldier during the war, a successful farmer, and long identified with public affairs in Lorain County, Harlan P. Chapman has well upheld the traditions of the Chapmans for loyal and upright citizenship, and is one of the most honored members of that worthy family, the lineage of which down to recent generations has been traced on preceding pages.

The youngest child of Thurot F. and Elizabeth (Furray) Chapman, Harlan P. Chapman was born on Butternut Ridge in Eaton Township, Lorain County, September 6, 1844. In his boyhood and early youth he attended the common schools of that locality, and had the benefit of two terms at Oberlin College. The wholesome environment of a farm provided bone and sinew for his intellectual training, and he had not yet reached years of manhood when the Civil war came upon the country and he responded to the call to help preserve the Union. August 4, 1862, he enlisted in Company H of the One Hundred and Third Regiment of Ohio Infantry, and was first sent to Camp Cleveland and then to Cincinnati, whence his command marched into Kentucky and spent the following winter at Frankfort. In April, 1863, the regiment moved across the state to the Cumberland River, where it was engaged in several skirmishes with the Confederates. In the following August they were placed under the command of Burnside, then crossed the Cumberland Mountains and participated in the historic campaign in East Tennessee. Mr. Chapman participated in the Battle of Blue Springs, Knoxville and Armstrong's Hill, and at the latter battle, which took place on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1863, received a serious wound, from which he never fully recovered and carries to this day a musket ball imbedded in the hip joint. For nine months he was confined to a hospital, and then went home on a furlough. Before being ordered back to the hospital he was married on March 31, 1864, and a pair of crutches were under his arms as he took his part in the ceremony which made him and Miss Mary C. Pitkin man and wife. Miss Pitkin's home was at Brunswick, Medina County. Mr. Chapman was not called upon for further active service with the army and received his honorable discharge June 27, 1864. Having in the meantime become head of a family he then settled upon his present farm in Carlisle Township near the Village of LaPorte.

While fully half a century has been given to his duties as an agriculturist, this has been frequently interrupted by periods of public service. A stanch republican, Mr. Chapman has enjoyed the position of a leader in his party in this county. For three years he served as postmaster at LaPorte and at the same time conducted a general store there. In November, 1892, he was elected treasurer of Lorain County for a term of two years and re-elected, so that he served altogether four years as county treasurer. Since then he has been mainly retired from public duties and from the active work of the farm, and now lives quietly at his attractive home in LaPorte, three miles south of Elyria. His valuable farm of fifty-three acres is nicely situated on the electric interurban line.

Mr. Chapman is a charter member of Richard Allen Post, G. A. R., at Elyria, and has several times been honored with the office of post

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commander. At the recent general census he was sent as enumerator for Carlisle Township. In January, 1911, the Sons of Veterans organized the H. P. Chapman Camp at Elyria, and the naming of this camp was a fit recognition of the services of one of Lorain County's gallant soldiers.

Mr. Chapman and wife are the parents of three children. The oldest, Erie D., is individually mentioned on other pages. The son Otto B. is married and is now managing the old farm at LaPorte. Oleo E. is now the wife of A. E. Giles, also living at LaPorte. The two younger children were born at LaPorte, and the oldest was born at Brunswick in Medina County. Otto and his sister Mrs. Giles were educated at LaPorte and in the public schools of Elyria, and Mrs. Giles is a graduate of the high school of the latter city. Possessing exceptional musical talent, she was trained in that art in the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin and is now a well known teacher of piano. Her husband is also a graduate of the Elyria High School, and has been prominent in musical circles, being a member of the Elyria City Band and of the local orchestra. Mr. Giles is now pursuing a business course in the Oberlin Business College.

Erie D. Chapman. The actual administration of the Elyria postoffice has been in the hands of Erie D. Chapman now for more than seventeen years. As assistant postmaster he has every detail of that office at his fingers' ends, and has proved himself vigilant, diligent, proficient and well worthy of the responsibilities reposed in him. He is one of the best known citizens of Lorain County and possesses the substantial character and solid ability for which the Chapman family have always been noted. He is a son of Harlan P. and Mary C. (Pitkin) Chapman, and a member of the noted Chapman family whose line has been traced on preceding pages since it was first established in America upwards of 300 years ago.

Born at Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio, March 21, 1868, Erie D. Chapman as a boy attended the public schools both of Elyria and Oberlin, and is a graduate of the Oberlin Business College. His practical career began as clerk in a dry goods store in Oberlin, and from there he came to Elyria and during the four years his father was county treasurer, during the '90s, was chief assistant in that office. O. F. Carter of Oberlin succeeded Harlan P. Chapman as county treasurer, and the latter's son remained on duty under County Treasurer Carter for a little over six months, from September to March.

It was in March, 1898, that Mr. Chapman became identified with the Elyria postoffice as assistant postmaster. At that time I. H. Griswold was postmaster. In a short time he had made himself master of the varied details of the local office, and made his services so invaluable that he was retained in the same position by J. H. Bath, who succeeded Mr. Griswold, and when in 1913, following a change from republican to democratic administration, D. W. Seward was appointed under the new regime, Mr. Chapman was retained as assistant, and his work has been such that he ought to be held in that office as long as he desires it. In March, 1915, he completed seventeen years of continuous service, and during that time had helped reorganize the local management to provide for the successive improvements made in postal affairs, first looking after the arrangements of rural delivery routes and in more recent years having a part in the introduction of the postal savings and parcel post features to the local service.

In politics Mr. Chapman is a stanch republican, and has served on a number of committees of the party. Fraternally he is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M., at Elyria, with the Royal Arch Chapters, the Council, with the Knight Templar Commandery and with Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He is a charter

member of Lodge No. 465 of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, belongs to the H. P. Chapman Camp, Sons of Veterans, which was organized and named in honor of his father in January, 1911. He is also a charter member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. Though his duties confine him closely he takes his recreations out of doors in fishing and hunting trips whenever possible.

On April 20, 1898, Mr. Chapman married Miss Minnie Elizabeth Thayer of Elyria. Her father, James Thayer, is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, and her mother died here several years ago. They were Ohio people, lived near Zanesville for a number of years, but Mrs. Chapman was born in Medina County. She was educated in the Elyria public schools, and as a musician has a reputation of more than local note. She attended the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and the Cleveland School of Music, and also took instruction under private teachers at Cleveland both in piano and violin. An honor that recently came to her was her appointment as director of the Elyria Extension Department of the Sherwood Music School of Chicago. The Sherwood Music School, which was founded by the late William H. Sherwood, whose reputation as America's greatest pianist is hardly disputed, is the only conservatory of established reputation to adopt the plan of extension work, though several of the noted European schools of music have long applied that system. Mrs. Chapman for the past ten years, since 1905, has been leader of the theater orchestra of Elyria, and has conducted a large class of students in the study of violin and piano. It was her standing in local musical circles which led to her selection by the Sherwood School to take charge of the local branch of its extension department. This extension department affords the prestige and experience of one of the best known conservatories to Elyria, so that local students, without the expense involved in months of residence away from home, may secure the advantages of metropolitan conservatory training and earn credits and diplomas that entitled them to recognition for proficiency in their chosen art. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are the parents of three sons: Harlan Thayer, who is in the U. S. Navy, Erie Degrass and Max Joslyn. They were all born in Elyria and are the two youngest students in the graded schools of that city.

Erwin Worcester. For a great many years the Worcester family have been identified with that part of Lorain County adjacent to Oberlin, and Erwin Worcester, whose enterprise as a dairyman is the largest business of its kind in Oberlin, is a brother of P. G. Worcester, in connection with whose name are published many facts of family history and interest.

Born near Oberlin, January 31, 1871, Erwin Worcester has had a very active career. He grew up in the country, attended the public schools and high school, and his first regular occupation was as a carpenter, which he followed ten years. He then went to the Far West and from San Francisco sailed out on various vessels along the Pacific Coast and in the Pacific trade as a salt water mariner for four years. With that experience he came back to Lorain County, graduated from the business college in 1895, and then continued his studies in the Oberlin Academy for one year. For five years Mr. Worcester was connected with a mail order house in Toledo, and after that for nine years was at Cleveland, engaged in contracting and in the railway mail service.

On returning to Oberlin in 1910 he engaged in the dairy business and now has the largest concern of its kind tributary to the city.

In March, 1897, he married Bertha C. Baggaley, daughter of Edwin Baggaley, who was a native of England, and since coming to America

has lived in Wood County, where he has been connected with various lines of business and at one time was postmaster at Weston. Mrs. Worcester was born at Weston, Ohio. To their union have been born four children: Marion Emeline, now attending high school; Madge in the sixth grade of the public schools; Irene in the fourth grade; and Kenneth Edwin, who is four years of age. The family are members of the Second Congregational Church at Oberlin, and in politics Mr. Worcester is independent. His success in life is due to the fact that he has devoted himself absolutely to the business in hand and he is now giving his time and attention to the dairy business.

Heman Ely. By its name Elyria will always be a memorial to the enterprising activities of the Ely family. While there were a few earlier settlers than Judge Heman Ely, he is properly considered the founder of the town, gave it its name, and breathed into the community that spirit of vitality and progress which in more modern years has made Elyria "the hundred per cent city." While the history of the city found on other pages is a reflection of the life of Judge Heman Ely, it is proper to combine in a special sketch the main facts of his interesting career.

He was born at West Springfield, Massachusetts, April 24, 1775, and died in Elyria February 2, 1852. His father, Justin Ely, of West Springfield, was a very extensive dealer in real estate, and was one of the original proprietors of what was then known as "the Connecticut Western Reserve" in Ohio, under the Connecticut Land Company. Judge Ely, who was the fourth in the family of his father, subsequently succeeded to his father's properties in what is now Lorain County. As a young man, early in the nineteenth century, he became interested in buying extensive tracts of land in Central and Western New York, and under his direction much of this land was surveyed and sold to settlers. Nearly coincident with these enterprises he was engaged in partnership with his brother Theodore in New York City, and for ten years they managed an extensive exporting business, dealing with European countries and the East Indies. As a matter of business Heman Ely was one of the few Americans of that time who frequently "went abroad." He visited England, Holland, France and Spain, and remained in France long enough to acquire the language, for that purpose separating himself from pleasant friends and living entirely with French families. His residence in Paris, from July, 1809, to April, 1810, made him a witness of events of world-wide significance. It was the high tide of Emperor Napoleon's reign. In August, 1809, Judge Ely witnessed the grand fete when Napoleon appeared with Empress Josephine, and in the evening he attended a ball at the Hotel de Ville, where a cotillion was danced by a set composed exclusively of kings and queens. A few months later Empress Josephine was divorced, and Judge Ely was a spectator of the formal entrance into Paris of Emperor Napoleon with Empress Maria Louise of Austria, followed by the religious ceremony of their marriage at the Chapel of the Tuilleries. As all students of European history are aware, practically every nation was then engaged in warfare, with Napoleon and France combating practically the entire civilized world except America. Consequently, and partly in view of the embargo placed by the French emperor upon all commerce between England and the continental countries, it was no easy matter for any foreigner to pass from country to country. Judge Ely apparently possessed that typical American quality of being able to make his way anywhere and under any circumstances, and was always quick to act in any emergency or adventure. He frequently ran the blockade, was shot

at by privateers, and whenever means of transportation failed he would seize a small fishing boat to make his way from one country to another. In entering France he was accompanied by one friend, Mr. Charles R. Codman of Boston. They took passage from England to Holland in a Dutch fishing boat. Gendarmes patrolled the coast of Holland, and fired upon the little vessel as it attempted to land. Waiting until the cover of darkness, they quickly landed on the shores of an unknown country, where neither of the Americans had knowledge of a word of the Dutch language. For eight miles they carried their baggage, avoiding towns and fine mansions, and finally found a peasant who was willing to give them food and look after their baggage, which he later buried in the sand in order that it might not be discovered in case soldiers should search his cottage. The travelers then walked to Rotterdam, and soon found means to send a servant into the country to get their baggage. The travelers were closely questioned at Antwerp and other places, but finally reached Paris on July 9, 1809. While in Paris one morning they were ordered from their beds to the police courts on suspicion of speaking ill of Napoleon, but after some delay and annoyance were released. All France was then under an elaborate system of espionage, and caution and courage were absolutely necessary to safety.

In 1810 Judge Ely returned to America and the following year he paid his first visit to Ohio, going as far west as Cleveland. In some of his correspondence he made a special note of his trip by steamboat up the Hudson River. That was only several years after Robert Fulton's Clermont had made its pioneer voyage propelled by steam. From the Hudson River he had made most of his journey on horseback. The Ely possessions in Northern Ohio aggregated about 12,000 acres lying around the falls of the Black River. On going back to New England Mr. Ely passed by Niagara Falls, and thence went up the St. Lawrence River and through Montreal. The war with England, which broke out in 1812, made it unadvisable to open or settle new territory in Ohio, and it was not until 1816 that he again visited the lands best known as "No. 6, Range 17, Connecticut Western Reserve." At that time he made arrangements for future settlement, contracting for the construction of a grist and sawmill and a log cabin to be completed early in the following year.

In February, 1817, accompanied by his step-brother, Ebenezer Lane, who subsequently became chief justice of Ohio, and attended by a considerable company of skilled workmen and laborers, he left West Springfield for the Western Reserve of Ohio. He and Mr. Lane rode in a stout covered wagon, while the others walked or rode on ox cart conveyances which also carried provisions and implements. March 17, 1817, the company forded the stream known as Black River and took possession of the log cabin already erected. The site chosen was high land between the two branches of the Black River. Each branch had a fall of forty feet within a comparatively short stretch, and thus afforded some splendid water power, unusual in a country so prevailingly level as Northern Ohio. To the settlement Judge Ely supplied the name "Elyria," improvised from his own name, and from that time forward gave the best energies of his life to the development of the little community of which he was the founder.

In 1818 several houses were built, the largest being the home of Judge Ely, a cut of which appears on other pages of this work, and another was the Beebe Tavern on the opposite side of Broad Street, which is also illustrated. Judge Ely's residence, the first frame house erected in Elyria, has been described as follows: "In dimensions 45x40 feet, two stories, with cellar under the main part; kitchen in the rear; fire-

place in every room, and brick oven in the kitchen. No stoves were known at that time. The siding of the house was made from a single whitewood tree cut on the place near a bend in the road. A large barn was built at the time. Invitations were sent to Ridgeville, which was settled before Elyria, and both frames were raised on the same day."

Up to this time Mr. Ely had lived a bachelor, but in the fall of 1818 he returned to his old home in West Springfield as a passenger on Walk-on-the-Water, the first steamboat that ever plied Lake Erie to Buffalo. On October 9th he married Miss Celia Belden, who soon afterwards returned with him to the new village. As the house above described was not yet completed, they lived for a time in a log house. Mrs. Ely was a woman of lovable disposition and it was to the deep grief of her many friends that she did not long enjoy the home which she helped to make. She died January 7, 1827.

In 1818 a postoffice was established at Elyria. Six years later a new county was formed, and to it Judge Ely gave the name Lorain, with Elyria as the county seat. While abroad he had spent some delightful months in the Province of Lorraine, France, and it was in honor of that country of such diversified national experience that Lorain County was named. At the same time the First Church of Christ was organized at Elyria, with Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop as pastor. Religious services, however, had been conducted in previous years. Judge Ely collected members of the little colony and read them a sermon, and called upon professing Christians to offer prayer. While not a member of any church himself, he valued Christian institutions, and contributed liberally to their maintenance. However, in 1841, the reading of a "Child's Book on Repentance," written by Rev. Thomas H. Gallaudet, wrought a vital change in his personal experience.

Nowhere is Judge Ely's influence more permanently impressed upon the present city than in the plan of the town. He arranged for broad intersecting streets, ample public grounds, and on opposite sides of the square assigned lots for a church and schoolhouse. He subsequently was the prime factor in erecting a building for a high school or academy, in a more retired locality, and built a commodious house for the residence of the principal in order that boarding pupils from the surrounding country might be accommodated. Thus more perhaps than any other individual he influenced the early institutional life of Elyria.

Among the early settlers Judge Ely naturally possessed a leadership consequent upon his broad activities and his world travels and experience. The range of his interests was remarkable. He was especially fond of horticulture, and spent much of the time in the summer seasons in his garden, where he collected the choicest varieties of vegetables, trees and vines, and this avocation likewise had its beneficial influence upon the community, since he freely distributed samples of his trees and shrubs to all who desired them. Thus in one way or another he was almost constantly engaged in some form of vital public service. During 1831-32 he served as a member of the state board of equalization, and from 1835 to 1845 was one of the associate judges under the old state constitution.

Miss Celia Belden, who married Judge Ely at West Springfield, Massachusetts, October 9, 1818, was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, October 5, 1796, a daughter of Col. Ezekiel Porter and Mary (Parsons) Belden. She died at Elyria January 7, 1827. There were three children of the union: Heman, Jr., Albert and Mary Belden, all now deceased. At Mansfield, Connecticut, August 20, 1828, Judge Ely married Harriet M. Salter, daughter of Gen. John Salter. She was born at Mansfield, Connecticut, March 20, 1792, and died at Elyria August 6, 1846. The

one son of this union, Charles A., died in 1864. On December 7, 1846, he married for his third wife Mrs. Cynthia Sergeant, widow of John Sergeant of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and daughter of Dr. Jeremiah and Amelia (Ely) West of Tolland, Connecticut. She was born at Tolland July 21, 1791, and died at Hartford, Connecticut, August 5, 1871.

Heman Ely, Jr. Son of Judge Heman Ely, the founder of Elyria, whose life and services have been sketched on other pages, Heman Ely, Jr., likewise made himself a conspicuous factor in the business and public life of Elyria. Born at Elyria October 30, 1820, he died in that city July 8, 1894, at the age of seventy-four. As a boy he attended the old Elyria High School, and also attended a school at Farmington, Connecticut. In his father's office he acquired a thorough training and insight into the real estate business, which he followed for many years. Like his father, though at a later period in the development of the county, he identified himself with many of its leading institutions. He was connected with the old Lorain Bank, established in 1847, with its successor, the First National Bank, organized in 1864, and with the successor of the First National, the National Bank of Elyria, organized in 1883. He was president of the National Bank of Elyria at the time of his death, and had been in each successive institution a director, and for a number of years had been vice president. In 1852, with a number of other men, he secured the building of that section of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, then known as the "Junction Road," from Cleveland to Toledo. From 1870 to 1873 he was a member of the State Legislature, and assisted in molding the first insurance laws for the State of Ohio.

On September 1, 1841, Mr. Ely married Miss Mary Harris Montieth, a daughter of Rev. John and Abigail (Harris) Montieth. To this union were born three children: Celia Belden; George H. Ely, who is a well known citizen of Elyria, and former state senator; and Mary Montieth. The mother of these children died at Elyria March 1, 1849. On May 27, 1850, Mr. Ely married for his second wife Miss Mary F. Day, daughter of Hon. Thomas and Sarah (Coit) Day, of the prominent family of that name originating in Hartford, Connecticut. To the second marriage were born four children: Edith Day, Charles Theodore, Albert Heman and Harriette Putnam. Mrs. Ely died at Elyria in 1895, about a year after her husband.

The late Mr. Ely was very prominent in social affairs and was really a gentleman of the old school. Distinguished honors were paid him in the Masonic fraternity. He took his first degrees in that order in 1852. From 1858 to 1871 he was worshipful master of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, at Elyria. In 1857 he received the Order of Knighthood in Oriental Commandery of Knights Templar No. 12, at Cleveland, and served as eminent commander there from December, 1861, to December, 1865, and from 1864 to 1871 was grand commander of the grand commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio. He was also identified with the supreme council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, and was its treasurer from May, 1867, to September, 1891. He received the much coveted honor of a thirty-third degree. The Congregational Church of Elyria has much for which to be grateful to members of the Ely family, and to Heman Ely, Jr., in particular. He was a member of that congregation from 1838, and for many years one of its officers and for ten years superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he was a republican. Personally, while the range of his interests was widely extended, he was averse to undue notice, and preferred the unassuming, charitable and dignified position of the private citizen.

JOHN J. NICHOLS. It was given to the late John J. Nichols to become one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of Lorain County, and he was a child at the time when the family home was established in Ohio. He was born at Elzing, Norfolkshire, England, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Dent) Nichols, the former of whom was born and reared at Elzing and the latter of whom was born at Castle Acre, England, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Titeringim) Dent. John Nichols was born in the year 1800 and bore the full patronymic of his father, John Nichols, Sr. John and Elizabeth (Dent) Nichols came to America in the year 1835, and their voyage across the Atlantic was made on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period, six weeks and one day elapsed ere they disembarked in the port of New York City, whence they soon afterward continued their westward journey and established their home on a pioneer farm near Sandusky, Ohio, the remainder of their lives having been passed in Erie County. Of their eleven children five were born in England, and the other six claimed the United States as their place of nativity.

John J. Nichols was a child at the time of the family immigration to the United States and he was reared to adult age on the pioneer farm of his father in Erie County, Ohio, where his early education was obtained in the common schools of the period. He continued his active association with agricultural enterprise in Erie County until about the year 1855, when he came to Lorain County and instituted the development of a farm in Black River Township, where he engaged also in the manufacture of brick. He became one of the representative men of the township and here both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives, as prominent and honored citizens of Lorain County. They were pioneer members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Lorain County and were zealous members of the First Methodist Church of Lorain for many years.

The marriage of Mr. Nichols to Miss Martha Elwood was solemnized in Erie County, and they became the parents of three children. After the death of his first wife Mr. Nichols wedded Miss Deborah W. Lowe, daughter of Stephen and Rebecca Lowe, and she survived him by a number of years.

Concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols the following brief data are given: Ezra C. married Miss Ella Thomas; Violet E. became the wife of William E. Lowe; Elmina died in infancy; Byron G. is individually mentioned on other pages of this publication; Charles A. is likewise the subject of a specific sketch in this work; J. Bert married Miss Jennie Ramsdell; Erwin H. first married Miss Ida M. Hicks and after her death wedded Miss Eva Bryant; and Miss Grace E. is a popular teacher in the public schools of Lorain County.

Of the eleven children of John and Elizabeth (Dent) Nichols the five who were born prior to the family immigration to the United States were Thomas, Mary, Susan, John J. and Ann, and the names of those who were born in Erie County, Ohio, were as here noted: George, William, Samuel, Elizabeth, Delia and Benjamin.

CHARLES A. NICHOLS. He whose name introduces this paragraph is a native son of Lorain County and is a scion of staunch English stock, his paternal grandparents having come from England to establish a home in America somewhat more than eighty years ago. He has been a resident of Lorain County from the time of his nativity and is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business as one of the representative exponents of these lines of enterprise in the City of Lorain.

Charles Arthur Nichols was born in Black River Township, Lorain County, Ohio, on the 2d of February, 1870, and is a son of John J. and

Deborah (Chase) Nichols, concerning whom more specific mention is made on other pages of this work. In the public schools of Lorain County Mr. Nichols acquired his early educational training, and in the meanwhile he gained effective discipline in connection with the operations of his father's farm. As a youth he became a clerk in a grocery store in the City of Lorain, and after he had gained a thorough knowledge of the details of this line of enterprise he engaged in the retail grocery business in an independent way, as a member of the firm of Nichols & Gawn, in which his coadjutor was Harry B. Gawn. This alliance continued eight years, and since that time Mr. Nichols has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Lorain, where he has built up a substantial and representative enterprise in these important lines and where he gives special attention to the handling of city property.

Mr. Nichols is a progressive business man and alert and public-spirited citizen of his native county, where he takes lively interest in all things that tend to advance civic and material prosperity. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Tribe of Ben Hur.

On the 26th of December, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Nichols to Miss Hattie Burtis, a native of New York State, and they have six children, namely: Lucille, John Raymond, James Burtis, Nina May, Charles Arthur, Jr., and Virginia.

Miss Alma Rose Moriarty. In a list of the prominent citizens of any community today, mention is made of women as well as men, for whether they are actively in the business world or not, the high position of woman as a factor in civilization is being recognized as it has never been before. Any person, regardless of sex, who has accomplished as much real service in a community as Miss Rose Moriarty has performed in Elyria, is entitled to all the commendation and respect which true ability should command anywhere.

For nearly fifteen years Miss Moriarty has been identified with the municipal government of Elyria. She has served through six successive administrations as deputy city auditor, and is not only a master of the routine detail of office but has always been equal to any of the emergencies and it is said that she possesses a broader, more exact and pertinent knowledge of municipal law than any member of the local bar. Few individuals are better qualified for civic leadership than this splendid young Ohio woman, Rose Moriarty.

She was born at Elyria, December 19, 1882, a daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Enright) Moriarty, both of whom are now deceased. Miss Moriarty acquired her early education in the Elyria public schools, graduating from high school in June, 1900, and immediately entering the Elyria Business College, in which she completed her course by January, 1901. With the exception of a few months of employment in the office of Topliff & Ely, she has always worked for the city. Her appointment as deputy city clerk came on October 3, 1901, from W. H. Park, and when the office of city auditor was created in 1903, she was appointed the deputy. She became clerk of the department of public safety May 3, 1903, and at the same date was appointed clerk of the sinking fund department, and has been clerk of the civil service department since January 1, 1910. By her industry, earnestness, broad comprehension, Miss Moriarty has gained the esteem and admiration of all the friends and leaders in the good government movement at Elyria. One of the strongest testimonials to her ability is found in the public statement recently made by C. M. Braman, in his announcement of his candidacy

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for the office of city auditor. Mr. Braman said: "I declare it my intention, if nominated in the primaries and honored by an election in November, to retain the services of Miss Rose Moriarty as deputy, who has served in an admirable capacity through three administrations. She is too well known to the voters of Elyria to require any extensive introduction in this article. Not only has she served with high credit in the auditing department of the city, but has rendered invaluable service in every department of the city government by reason of her broad and correct knowledge of municipal affairs. I would regard it a duty to retain her in office so long as her services are of such high order, and cooperate with her to the extent of my ability. A victory for myself I shall construe quite as much a tribute to Miss Moriarty, who has honored her city here at home and brought much credit to it over the State."

Miss Moriarty out of her experience and study is a woman who has something to say, and has the ability to state her position and her arguments with an earnest forcefulness which has frequently brought admiring comments. She has quite frequently delivered addresses before various gatherings and one of her addresses which attracted wide attention was that on Civic Righteousness, which she delivered several times in Lorain County. Miss Moriarty is a republican in politics, and is one of the local leaders in the equal suffrage movement, and a member of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association. She is also affiliated with the Ladies of the Maccabees, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ohio. Miss Moriarty is numbered among the stockholders of the Lorain County Bank.

Sumner G. Crooks. A native of the old Buckeye State, Sumner George Crooks has gained prestige as one of the representative business men of the younger generation in the thriving City of Lorain, where he is the efficient and popular manager of the substantial business here conducted by the Sumner Creamery Company, which is a branch of an extensive business which has its headquarters in the City of Akron, the enterprise in Lorain having been established on the 1st of March, 1909, and the progressive, careful and energetic administration of the present manager having been the force through which the business has here been developed to its large volume, making it a valuable contribution to the industrial prestige of the City and County of Lorain.

Mr. Crooks was born in Medina County, Ohio, on the 16th of March, 1886, and is a son of Earl E. and Elta (Sumner) Crooks, likewise natives of this state and representatives of sterling old families of Medina County. He whose name introduces this article acquired his early education in the public schools of his native county, and when but twelve years of age he gained his initial experience in the creamery business, with which he has been continuously associated from his boyhood, and in the details of which, both technical and commercial, he is specially well informed, so that his judgment is authoritative in this important field of enterprise. He manifests loyal interest in all that concerns the civic and material welfare and progress of his home city and is essentially a wide-awake and reliable young business man who has secure place in popular confidence and esteem.

In the City of Akron, on the 3d of July, 1908, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Crooks to Miss Flora Felver, and their three children are: Audrey Burdell, Ruth Gene and June Agnes.

Levi Morse. In this venerable and honored citizen who died at his home in Elyria July 28, 1899, aged eighty-seven years twenty-seven days, the city possessed not only one of its oldest residents but also a man who

represented in his long career the prominent social and civic element which composed the citizenship of this community throughout its growth from frontier settlement to a modern municipality. The late Levi Morse was a very remarkable man. Of his eighty-seven years of life, he had spent sixty-four at Elyria. He was both a witness and actor in the changing development of this long time. A substantial degree of material prosperity rewarded his industrious efforts, but the honor paid to his memory is more specially due to his fine independence of character, his active influence in the civic, social, religious and business community. He was a pioneer settler, a successful business man, and a broad minded, vigorous, charitable citizen.

He brought with him to Elyria the stock of ideas, traditions, and character of a sturdy New England community. His ancestors were English, and he was descended from one of three brothers who came from England in the very early days. Many members of the Morse family are still living in and about New Haven, Connecticut, and in the county of that name at the Village of Prospect Levi Morse was born July 1, 1812, in the same year that the second war broke out with Great Britain. His parents were Lent and Lydia (Doolittle) Morse. His father was born in Cheshire, New Haven County, Connecticut, was a farmer by occupation and died at the age of sixty-seven. Mrs. Lydia Morse died at the age of fifty, and of her six children, Levi was the fourth in age.

He was reared and educated at his native village and in 1835, at the age of twenty-three, came West in company with S. W. Baldwin and David B. Andrews. With these enterprising associates he boarded a sailing vessel at New Haven for New York, went by boat up the river to Albany, by canal packet to Buffalo, sailed up the lake as far as Cleveland and from there came by stage coach to Elyria, where he arrived May 13, 1835. He found here a hamlet, with only three stores, a log house used for a jail and no church building, the population of the little community being about 400 inhabitants. He was associated with the enterprise of S. W. Baldwin, who established a store in the town, and his first years were spent as a trader among the settlers of Northern Ohio, exchanging articles of merchandise for furs and other frontier products. For a number of years he was in the employ of Mr. Baldwin, and then in 1848 embarked in the dry goods business with another one of his companions who came West in 1835, David B. Andrews, under the firm name of D. B. Andrews & Company. About two years later Mr. Andrews died and Mr. Morse carried on the business alone for a time.

One of the interesting facts which identifies him with the early history of Elyria was his appointment as the first ticket agent for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, and he assisted in running the first train to Berea and return on July 4, 1853. He filled that office for three years, after which for a time he was in the produce trade, buying and selling grain. For many years he was associated with the firm of Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson.

In 1863 Mr. Morse was elected township trustee, and with the exception of one term filled that office continuously up to the time of his death. He was also superintendent of the county infirmary for over two years and at one time was township treasurer. In politics he was a republican, but had cast his first vote for the whig candidate in 1833, and beginning with 1836 voted for every successive whig or republican candidate until the end of his life. In church relations he was a Methodist, joining the church when he first came to Elyria, when the society itself was only six or seven years old and was one of its oldest

members when he died. He had been foremost in encouraging and supporting every interest of the church, had continuously held a position on the official board, and again and again had sacrificed time and money for the benefit of the organization. He was of the type of Christian who takes his religion into his daily life and affairs and expressed through his life many of the highest ideals of Christian manhood. He took a prominent part in building the first church home of the Methodists, now used by the Disciples Church on East Second Street, the church edifice having been dedicated there in 1851. Since 1843 he had held an official position in the church, and at the time of his death was one among less than a dozen of the original membership of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Elyria. He was also the oldest living member of Elyria Lodge No. 103, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and always exemplified its highest mottos and symbolisms in his daily life.

On December 15, 1840, Levi Morse married Miss Betsy Minerva Mann. She was born in New York State December 7, 1818, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Brant in Boston, Massachusetts, June 29, 1909, having succumbed to the infirmities of an age that made her ninety-one years old when she died. Following the death of her husband she had removed to Boston to live with her daughter in that city, but her remains were brought back to Elyria and laid beside those of her husband. To their marriage were born six children: Milo Wesley, who was born April 21, 1842, and in the full tide of his youth in 1862 enlisted in Company E of the Forty-second Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was killed while on duty as a sharpshooter at the siege of Vicksburg, May 25, 1863; Clara Adelia, who was born January 15, 1846, and died February 18, 1849; Alfred D., born January 20, 1851, and now a resident of Elyria; Edward F., born November 11, 1853, also a resident of Elyria; Lydia May, who is the wife of Rev. J. F. Brant, now prominent in the anti-saloon movement and living at Boston; and Charles L., the youngest of the family, a resident of Elyria and mentioned on other pages.

At the death of Levi Morse an entire community paid the sincere tribute of their respect and admiration for his good and purposeful life. Addresses and resolutions of respect came from the church which he had so long served from the lodge of which he was the oldest initiate, and from men and women in all the walks of life. While these cannot be included in this brief sketch, it is only a matter of justice to quote somewhat at length from the remarks of his old friend and associate, William A. Braman, who spoke from intimate knowledge of the life and works of the good man who had gone to his reward. Mr. Braman spoke of Mr. Morse's coming to Elyria when the present city was but a hamlet and when poverty was a common inheritance and when the ties of common brotherhood were strong and enduring. He knew Mr. Morse as a boy and one of the first faces he remembered outside of his home circle was that of the citizen who had just died. That face he spoke of as kind and sympathetic, "such a one as boys do not run away from. There was nothing forbidding about it, there was nothing imperious in his bearing. Our friend had early learned an important secret, namely, that in order to have friends it is necessary to be friendly.

"As a merchant Mr. Morse was popular. I recall remarks which were made by my father and mother, showing their estimate of his worth. In our family living six miles away, Mr. Morse was known as Levi. He was sought out as the favorite of the men doing business in Elyria at that time as being the one to trade with. They felt safe in his hands. Their faith in his honesty and integrity was unbounded.

"In later years, when I became associated with him on the board of

trustees of the township, I was impressed with his fidelity to his constituents and his scrupulous regard for every detail pertaining to his office. His early education in his New England home had fitted him for the duties which he was called upon to perform. He early learned the value of money and in all my acquaintance I have never known a public officer in the distribution of the people's money to be more painstaking and conscientious. For nearly forty years his office brought him in contact with the poor and unfortunate, and his hand, though not lavish, never closed against worthy objects.

"He died in the harness at eighty-seven, having been chosen but a few months previous by his fellow citizens as their representative for the following three years. What a record! In full possession of all his faculties at eighty-seven. What a commentary! It speaks of his good habits and his correct life. Mr. Morse was one of the pillars of society, one of that class of sturdy men of character without which society would be a failure. His citizenship was always of a high order. In the agitation of every moral and social question he was always to be found on the right side. It was never necessary to see him to find out where he stood. He was in favor of temperance, social order and the enforcement of laws. Not in a sensational sense, but his firmness was like the rock of ages."

In conclusion Mr. Braman quoted as typical of the conditions under which Levi Morse had quitted the earthly tabernacle the following beautiful lines:

"Let me die where the blue heaven bends over me lovingly,
And the soft summer air as it goes by me stirs my thin white hair.
And from my forehead drives the death damp as it gathers.
And the sky seems waiting to receive my soul to their clear depths.
Or let me leave the world when round my bed,
Wife, children, weeping friends are gathered,
And the calm voice of prayer
And holy hymning shall my soul prepare
To go and be at rest with kindred spirits.
Spirits who have blessed the human brotherhood
By labors, cares, and counsels for their good."

Charles L. Morse. The youngest son of the late Levi and Betsy Minerva (Mann) Morse, whose long and worthy lives spent in Lorain County has been previously described, Charles L. Morse has given his career primarily to business pursuits and for a number of years has been in the insurance and real estate business and the handling of surety bonds. His office is in the Ely Block.

Born at Elyria October 3, 1861, he received his early education in the public schools of that city, and after reaching manhood spent nine years as a local merchant. At 390 Broad Street he established himself in the cigar, tobacco and restaurant business, and that street number has been the location of the restaurant ever since, being now the home of the J. R. Jones restaurant. For the past sixteen years Mr. Morse has been in the fire insurance business, having engaged in that line in 1898. He now represents twelve of the strong and reliable companies doing business at Elyria. His offices were in the old Elyria Block until it burned in 1910, since which time he has had his business headquarters in the Ely Block.

Mr. Morse is a man of quiet, retiring nature, a great lover of home and outside of business has seldom identified himself with public life. He is a member, however, of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. Oc-

tober 18, 1882, he married Miss Clara M. Bassett of Eaton Township, Lorain County, and a daughter of Henry and Betsey E. (Slauter) Bassett. Further particulars concerning the late Henry Bassett will be found in succeeding paragraphs. Mrs. Morse was born in Eaton Township, but was educated in the Elyria public schools, graduating from high school in the class of 1881, about a year before her marriage. Mr. Morse when opportunity offers takes his recreation in hunting and fishing.

HENRY BASSETT. In his lifetime Henry Bassett was one of the best known and most highly respected farmers and citizens of Lorain County, having been a resident of Eaton Township continuously for nearly sixty years. He performed his share in the pioneer labors which transformed the wilderness into a country of homes, farms and institutions, and was a witness to almost every important change which occurred in Lorain County from the time of early settlement until well toward the close of the last century.

His birth occurred at Chili, Seneca County, New York, July 23, 1814, and when he died at his home in Eaton Township of Lorain County, January 21, 1891, he had lived usefully and well for seventy-six years six months. His parents were Daniel and Phebe (Covert) Bassett, who were natives of the same county in New York State, were married there, and in 1834 started west with their family of children, finally arriving in Lorain County and making settlement in Eaton Township. Daniel Bassett died at LaPorte in this county in 1846 and his wife passed away in Eaton Township at the age of eighty-two.

Twenty years of age when the family emigrated to Lorain County, Henry Bassett had in the meantime profited by attendance at the schools of his native town. Arriving in Eaton Township, he applied himself to the heavy task of clearing away the woods and cultivating the land under the primitive conditions that then prevailed. Farming was his life occupation and from it he secured an ample competence for himself and family.

On November 5, 1835, a few months after his twenty-first birthday, he was married in Carlisle Township to Miss Betsey E. Slauter. She was born in 1818 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Jared and Sarah (Curtis) Slauter. Her parents were born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, were married there, and soon afterward moved to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and in 1826 allied themselves with the new country of Lorain County, making settlement in Carlisle Township. They came west by wagons and teams, and at that time Mrs. Bassett was eight years of age, and walked the greater part of the distance from Pennsylvania alongside or following the wagon. Mr. and Mrs. Slauter spent the rest of their days in Lorain County, and he passed away about eight years after the death of his wife. There were ten children in the Slauter family: Ephraim, who went to Wisconsin, where he died; Lydia, now deceased, was the wife of Everett Stoddard, one of the early settlers of Eaton Township; Mary Ann, deceased; Sarah, who became the wife of Henry Warner and moved to Whitehall, Wisconsin; Betsey E., who married Henry Bassett; Henry, who died in Wisconsin; Jared, who died in Carlisle Township; Jane, wife of D. L. Gibbs of Carlisle Township; Olive, wife of R. Gibbs, of Carlisle Township; and Hiram, who spent his active career at LaPorte.

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bassett there were born thirteen children, all of whom grew to maturity, and most of them married and established homes of their own, and there were seventeen great-grandchildren when Mrs. Henry Bassett died. These children in order of age

are mentioned as follows: Charlotte, now Mrs. Anson Lines of Grafton Township, Lorain County; Caroline, wife of John Hart of Elyria; Sarah, wife of Sylvester Tompkins; Charles, who died in 1879; Daniel, who lives at Defiance, Ohio; Ollie, who died in Lorain County as Mrs. Lemuel Barlow; Frankie, Mrs. Nathaniel Benedict of Michigan; Julia, wife of Marion Sutliff, of Elyria; Edwin, of Eaton Township; George, of Eaton; Serepta, wife of Edwin Welton of Elyria; Clara M., wife of Charles L. Morse, of Elyria; Alice, wife of Frank Jackson, of Eaton Township.

At the beginning of his career Henry Bassett found himself aligned in political opinion with the whig party, and afterwards became an energetic and ardent republican. He enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens and filled a number of offices of trust in his home township. It should be recalled that Mrs. Bassett taught the second school held in Eaton Township. She was a woman of culture, and presided with dignity and charm not only over her own household but stood high socially all over the township. It is difficult for the younger generation to realize the toil, privations and hardships which such old settlers as Henry Bassett and wife endured while establishing their homes in Lorain County. When he erected his first home in Eaton Township the country was almost a dense forest, and it required not only persevering toil day after day, month after month and year after year, but also a high degree of courage, enthusiasm and sturdy ambition in order to convert the forest surroundings into a well cultivated farm. He succeeded in this and in his later years lived in a substantial house and had around him all the comforts and conveniences he required. About fifteen years before his death he gave up active farming and bought a house and lot on Butternut Ridge. There he by no means spent his time in leisure, but employed it in superintending the cemetery and was almost constant in his care of this attractive city of the dead. As a result of his administration the cemetery in that locality surpassed in neatness and general upkeep any burying ground in the county. Thus these years of his retirement were devoted to a useful service for which he received the gratitude of a great many people. His entire life was upright and honorable and whether as a friend or neighbor or in his business transactions he gained the lasting respect of all who knew him.

James T. Horsley. Born and reared in England, Mr. Horsley has maintained his home in the United States since 1886, in which year he established his residence at Lorain, Ohio, where he is now living virtually retired, after an active career marked by consecutive industry and worthy achievement.

James Thomas Horsley was born in Worcestershire, England, on the 11th of November, 1851, and is a son of George and Emma Horsley, who passed their entire lives in England, where the father was a prosperous farmer in Worcestershire. He whose name initiates this article is indebted to the excellent schools of his native land for his early educational discipline, and his boyhood days were compassed by the invigorating influences of the home farm. He continued his activities in various occupations in England until 1886, when he came to America and in the same year established his permanent home at Lorain, where he conducted a meat market for some time, after which he had supervision of a corps of stevedores in the service of the C. L. & W. Railroad for a period of six years. Thereafter he was superintendent of the building employed by the Sheffield Land & Improvement Company during the time when this corporation was laying out and developing South Lorain, his service in this capacity continuing about nine years.

Geo. N. Chamberlain

Upon becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States Mr. Horsley espoused the cause of the republican party, and as a candidate on its ticket he was elected justice of the peace in 1903. In this office he gave an administration marked by mature judgment and much circumspection, and he continued its incumbent for nine years, after which he served for a time in the office of constable at Lorain. His upright character and genial personality have gained to him in Lorain County a circle of friends that is limited only by that of his acquaintances, and he is a citizen who is well entitled to recognition in this publication. He is affiliated with the local organizations of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In his native land, on the 8th of October, 1874, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Horsley to Miss Mary Collins Griffin, and thus his family accompanied him on his immigration to the United States, somewhat more than a decade later. Mr. and Mrs. Horsley have four children: Edith is the wife of Luceme Hinckley and they reside in the City of Cleveland. They have two children, James L. and Beatrice. George Henry is identified with business activities in the City of Lorain. He married Mrs. Cornelia Steiner, and they have one child, Eleanor. Laura is the wife of Samuel Vokes, of Cleveland. She has one child by a former marriage, named Edward. Miss Beatrice remains at the parental home.

Hon. George H. Chamberlain. As a lawyer of undoubted ability and a public leader whose influence has helped toward the success of the republican party in a number of campaigns and has himself enjoyed the distinctions of legislative office, George Henry Chamberlain has been an active member of the Elyria bar for more than twenty-five years. He is a native of Lorain County and has earned his advancement by definite purpose, high aims, and the possession of exceptional talent.

The Chamberlain family has been identified with Lorain County since 1848, when his grandfather, John Chamberlain, settled in Grafton Township. John Chamberlain was born in New York State and married Amy Perkins, whose grandfather, John Perkins, was a soldier of the American Revolution. John Chamberlain died in Grafton Township in 1850 at the age of fifty-four and his wife passed away at seventy-five in 1873.

During the middle period of the last century Lorain County numbered among its industrial and capable farmers and business men George B. Chamberlain, the father of Senator Chamberlain. George B. Chamberlain was born at Brookfield, Cortland County, New York, in 1834, was brought to Lorain County when a boy of fourteen, was trained to farming and made that his vocation during most of his life. In 1880 he retired and for a short time was engaged in the hardware business at LaGrange. He died in 1884. George B. Chamberlain married Elizabeth Cragin, who now lives with her son George H. and was seventy-seven years of age December 27, 1914. She was born in LaGrange Township, Lorain County, a daughter of Benjamin and Mahala (Boynton) Cragin, who were among the early settlers of Lorain County. Her father was born in Weston, Windsor County, Vermont, was married in that state, and his children were named Lorena, Benjamin, Charles C., Adna A., Esther, Horace, Harrison and Elizabeth, the last being the only one born in Ohio. In September, 1835, the Cragin family left Vermont, drove a wagon as far as Buffalo, and thence came up the lake to Cleveland and across country to Lorain County. Settling in Grafton Township, Benjamin Cragin paid $4.00 an acre for a tract of woodland consisting of 105 acres. He built himself a log cabin, cleared up, planted and cultivated a large part of his farm, and lived there until his death on July

31, 1865. His wife had passed away about ten years before. They were members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Cragin was prominent in the local church during the early days, serving it as trustee, class leader and steward. The four children of George B. Chamberlain and wife were: William P., who is now a rural mail carrier from Grafton; George H.; Charles C., who died at the age of twelve; and Emma Jane, who died in infancy.

On the old homestead in Grafton Township George Henry Chamberlain was born June 21, 1862. Some of his happiest memories concern themselves with his boyhood in the country, and Mr. Chamberlain then imbibed a love of farming and country life which has never left him and which recently led him to move from his city home to his attractive farm of 142 acres just outside the city limits of Elyria in Ridgeville Township. One of his farm boundaries joins the city limits. The first seventeen years of his life were spent in Grafton Township, and along with other experiences he received instruction in the district schools and also attended Oberlin College. Among the records of his earlier experience are found several terms spent as a school teacher. Soon after reaching his majority he began the study of law in the office of E. G. Johnson, one of the ablest members of the Lorain County bar for many years, kept up this course of study for three years, and was admitted to the bar by examination on June 9, 1887. He tried his first cases and earned his first fees in Elyria, where he practiced two years, and then moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to become general agent for the Home Life Insurance Company. Though a resident of Milwaukee six years, he was in the insurance business only two years, and the rest of the time was spent as one of the interested principals in a manufacturing concern. Returning to Elyria in the spring of 1895, Mr. Chamberlain has since conducted a large general practice as a lawyer, and the character of the patronage entrusted to his care, his frequent appearance in cases of importance, sufficiently testify to his high standing as a local lawyer. On April 1, 1913, Mr. Chamberlain removed from Elyria to his farm just outside the city, and has since been taking life somewhat easily, though visiting his city office daily. He has a fine farm, a splendid orchard which he keeps in condition by spraying and is able to pursue his farming as a recreation as well as profit.

His first important participation in politics came in 1896, when he stumped Lorain County for the election of William McKinley, and was also a speaker in various other parts of the state. He has since participated in every campaign in that section of Ohio. In 1900 he presented the name of E. G. Johnson to the congressional convention, and in 1901 his own name was placed on the republican ticket for the State Senate. He was elected and served in the Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth assemblies. In the latter session he was chosen president pro tem by acclamation, and had the united support of both parties. In the Seventy-fifth Assembly he was chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations, and a member of the committees on Labor, Taxation, Benevolent Institutions, Judiciary, Insurance, Universities and Colleges, and Municipal Corporations. In the Seventy-sixth session he was a member of the committees on Public Works, Judiciary, Common Schools, County Affairs, Taxation, and Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Homes. A unique feature of his record while in the Senate was that every bill introduced or actively supported by him was passed. Since his service in the Senate Mr. Chamberlain has been looked upon as one of the ablest and most influential public men in Lorain County and this was well demonstrated in the congressional convention of 1906, when he retained throughout the long deadlock the united support of Lorain County as nominee

from the Fourteenth District and came within four votes of the necessary number for nomination. He finally withdrew, and gave his support to the nominee who was subsequently elected. In May, 1910, he was nominated by the republicans for Congress, but in that year the tide of political favors was flowing in another direction, and his party was defeated.

Of his service in his own precincts there should be noted his membership on the Board of Education of Elyria for twelve years up to January 1, 1912. He was president of the board five years until 1910. He has also served as president of the Board of Elections, and is one of the live members of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. In the Methodist Episcopal Church he is a member and trustee, and for twelve years served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

While he may well be satisfied with his individual accomplishments, Mr. Chamberlain takes his greatest pride in his fine family. In June, 1883, he married Miss Etta K. Mynderse, who was born in LaGrange, Ohio, daughter of Andrew C. and Louise (Hart) Mynderse, both now deceased. To their union were born nine children: Charles B., the oldest, is now assistant manager of the service station at Detroit, Michigan, for the Wheeler & Schebler Carburetor Company; Geneva E., the oldest daughter, was graduated from the Elyria High School, pursued her higher education at Rochester, New York, and for the past eight years has been instructor of domestic science in the Elyria public schools; the daughter Vera died at the age of fourteen; George H., Jr., who after graduating from the high school was employed for a time by the National Tube Company at Lorain, is now the man in charge of the Safety Sanitation and Welfare Department Exhibit at the Panama Exhibition in San Francisco (1915) of the United States Steel Corporation; Gertrude A., now living home, at the time of her graduation from high school in 1909 was accorded the honor of having made the highest general average throughout her course in the records of the school. The daughter Ruth since graduating from high school has spent one year of training at the Elyria Memorial Hospital and is now continuing her work of preparation for trained nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland. The sons William and Robert are now in their last year in the local high school, while the youngest, John, is attending the grammar schools.

George B. Kelly. One of the most active business men of Oberlin is George B. Kelly, who starting his career in early youth and without money or influence has gradually accumulated about him much that represents solid accomplishment and also much of the esteem paid an honorable and hard-working citizen.

A native of Lorain County, he was born May 2, 1864, a son of Nathan and Jane (Davis) Kelly. His father was born in Rutland, Vermont, in 1830, and died in September, 1914, while the mother was born in Michigan in 1835, and died several years ago. The parents were married in Lorain County, and the father followed farming all his active career. He was a democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Davis, was a native of Michigan and spent his life there as a farmer. George B. Kelly is the second in a family of four living children, out of six born to his parents. His brother, James, is a farmer at Oberlin. His sister, Louisa, married Seth Bailey, of South Amherst, while Belle is the wife of Clarence Kellmer, a machinist at Amherst.

George B. Kelly as a boy attended the common schools at Amherst, and was still in his teens when he took his first regular occupation as driver of a milk wagon. For fourteen years he earned a living and gained

business experience by that line of work at Amherst. He also spent five years as a worker in a quarry. The foundation of his present prosperity was largely laid as a farmer in Russia Township, and Mr. Kelly now owns two farms in Lorain County. In 1901 he moved to Oberlin and has since been engaged in the livery business, under the firm of Kelly & Jones, his partner being H. H. Jones, as the largest establishment of its kind in the town. Mr. Kelly in association with G. H. Bailey also conducts a delivery business, and has the contract for delivering goods for all the merchants.

In 1890 he married Elizabeth Bailey, who was born in England and came to America with her parents when five years of age. Her father, John Bailey, located in Lorain County forty-five years ago. To their marriage have been born two children: Blanche, now in high school; and Lois, also a student of the public schools. Mr. Kelly and family attend the First Congregational Church and in politics he is a republican.

F. E. Bradley. Of the third generation of the Bradley family in Lorain County, F. E. Bradley represents a name that has been closely identified with this county since pioneer times. The work by which he has commended himself to the esteem of the community has been chiefly as a farmer, though he has also performed with credit a share of public duty. He owns a fine farm in Wellington Township, and his prosperity has been well earned.

He was born in Wellington Township of Lorain County, February 28, 1865, a son of William and Hannah A. (Pritchard) Bradley. His paternal grandfather, William Bradley, came to Wellington Township as a pioneer, and he and his family for a time occupied an old log house. He spent most of his time on the farm, but died in the Village of Wellington. His maternal grandfather was Joseph Pritchard, who made settlement in Medina County, where he spent his years. William Bradley, who was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in 1819, and died September 21, 1892, had an early experience as a "bound boy" in Massachusetts. He came to Lorain County in 1836, when a vigorous youth of seventeen, went into the woods, and in the course of a few years had cleared up 100 acres of land for his father. Later he bought that farm, and made it the scene of his prosperous activities. He was very active in the Methodist Church and a devout Christian, and exercised a wholesome influence in the community. At the time of his death he left an estate of 150 acres. His wife was born in Connecticut in 1823 and died in 1899. They were married in Lorain County. Of their nine children the six now living are: Albert Oscar, who is a grape grower in California; Burton P., who has an orange grove at Arlington Place, California; Sarah, wife of W. F. Starr, of Penfield Township; Joseph Henry, who lives in California; Mary A., in California; and F. E.

Mr. Bradley grew up on the home farm in Wellington Township, attended the district schools, and has never sought any better or more attractive occupation than that of farming. In his earlier years he worked very hard to get a start, and in 1908 was able to buy out the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead. Besides the general crops, he raises some thoroughbred cattle and hogs, and does some dairying.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. Bradley married Kate Bachtell, who was born in Brooke County, Virginia, and moved from there to Medina County, where she met her future husband. They have four children: Merle, now twenty-one years of age and at home; Katherine, Neal and Scott, all still at home. The family are all members of the Methodist Church at Wellington, and Mr. Bradley is a republican. In the way of

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public service he was for seven years a trustee of Wellington Township, and proved as able and conscientious in the performance of public duties as he has in the management of his private affairs.

JUDGE AMOS R. WEBBER. It was forty years ago that Judge Webber began the practice of law at Elyria. On the public life of his home city and county he has since made in indelible impression. Probably no citizen of the county is more respected, and enjoys more completely the confidence of the people. Judge Webber is a man of unimpeachable character, has high attainments as a lawyer, and in the management of his private practice as also in the administration of different offices, from common pleas judge to congressman, has brought the highest qualifications and has shown a ready grasp of every problem presented for his solution. Since retiring from his seat in Congress ten years ago Judge Webber has been quietly engaged in his large law practice and has offices in the Elyria Block.

Amos Richard Webber was born January 21, 1852, in Hinckley, Medina County, Ohio. His great-grandfather, Joseph Webber, was an Englishman who on coming to the United States located in New England. In the next generation is Rev. Richard Webber, who became a pioneer minister in Medina County, Ohio. He has been described as a preacher of much eloquence and force, and a man who was throughout his career devoted to the arduous vocation which he chose early in life. He was frequently sought as an adviser not only in spiritual matters but in the common relationships and duties of temporal existence.

George E. Webber, father of Judge Webber, was born in Massachusetts and was fourteen years of age when the family moved to Ohio. He became a man of substantial character and a factor in business affairs in Medina. As a young man he returned to his native state and learned the trade of moulder, and then returning to Ohio established a foundry at Hinckley in Medina County. After giving this business all the energies he possessed for twenty years, impaired health led him to take up work as a farmer, at which he spent several seasons. With renewed vigor and health he then established a foundry for the manufacture of hollow ironware at Medina, and developed the industry to one of important proportions and made it one of the chief factories at Medina. George E. Webber married Jane Woodruff. During her young womanhood she had taught school at Hinckley. Her father, Amos Woodruff, was a Hinckley shoemaker, and was distinguished in that community as the first avowed abolitionist and took Wm. Lloyd Garrison's Liberator for a great many years. His home became a station of the underground railway, and he lived to see the peculiar institution abolished to which he was so strongly opposed.

Judge Webber grew up in Medina County, was educated in the public schools, and is a graduate of old Baldwin University at Berea near Cleveland. He studied law largely by himself and under the preceptorship of local lawyers, and on being admitted to the Ohio bar in 1876 opened his office in the same year at Elyria. While it would not be practicable to review in detail his work as an attorney, it is only an expression of a general judgment among his associates that he has during the past forty years been rated as one of the best advocates and counselors in the Lorain County Bar. His career has also been punctuated by important public service. His first noteworthy promotion in public affairs was his election in 1887 as prosecuting attorney for Lorain County. He was re-elected and continued in the office until 1894. After an interval came his election to the Court of Common Pleas and he presided over this branch of the Ohio bench with admirable dignity and

efficiency for nearly three years. He resigned from the bench to accept the republican nomination for Congress to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of the representative from the Fourteenth District. He was then elected a member of the Fifty-eighth Congress in 1904, and his service in that body ran from 1903 to 1906. He was defeated for renomination because of his activities against the liquor interests, a power which he has consistently fought all his life. Another factor in his failure to secure the nomination was due to his having repudiated the then governor of Ohio, Myron T. Herrick, because of that gentleman's attitude on the liquor question. Judge Webber has been an active and determined opponent of the liquor traffic for the past thirty years. He carried his convictions and his activity into Congress, where he introduced a bill for the abolition of saloons in the District of Columbia. He aroused much interest in the campaign at Washington, and on the day his bill was brought before the committee a procession of several thousand people marched through the streets to the capitol as a demonstration of popular support to the measure. In spite of Judge Webber's strenuous efforts in behalf of the bill, it was never reported from the committee, but the sentiment thus aroused caused similar bills to be introduced in every Congress since, which have been supported by a large number of congressmen. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Anti-Saloon League, and was for a number of years a member of the judiciary committee of that organization, and spoke over the State of Ohio in the interests of the work. Mr. Webber has lectured for a number of years before churches, Young Men's Christian associations, and other public organizations, in the interest of the young men of this country.

Judge Webber was married May 17, 1875, to Miss Ida E. Finch. Mrs. Webber died in Washington while Judge Webber was a member of Congress. Their two sons were: Gilbert W. and Lawrence N. Judge Webber's first wife was Miss Nettie Finch of Anna, Illinois.

Lawrence Harrison Webber. A son of A. R. Webber, whose career as a Lorain County lawyer has been previously sketched, is Lawrence Harrison Webber, who has already earned his first distinctions in the law and in public affairs. In the city primaries in August, 1915, Mr. Webber attracted much notice by his gallant fight for the republican nomination to the office of city solicitor, and in spite of his youth his recognized ability and fitness for the nomination and his vigorous and persistent campaigning methods brought him success over four rivals. He received more than a fourth of the entire vote cast, and led his nearest opponent by more than sixty.

Born at Elyria March 25, 1891, Lawrence Harrison Webber is a graduate of the Elyria High School with the class of 1910, and the following two years were spent as a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He is a graduate of the Cleveland Law School with the class of June, 1914, and completed the regular three years' course in the two years from 1912 to 1914. He was admitted to the practice of law in Ohio December 18, 1913, and is now junior member of the law firm of Webber & Webber in the Elyria Block at Elyria, being associated with his father, A. R. Webber.

In politics Mr. Webber is a republican, and was elected city solicitor on November 2, 1915,

Outside of his profession Mr. Webber is a young man of general personality and has identified himself with the best interests of his home city. He is an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association, is a member of the Church of Christ, and belongs to the National

College Fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, in which he was initiated November 5, 1910, at Ohio Wesleyan University.

June 18, 1913, at Elyria he married Jean E. Bath. Her father, John W. Bath, was for eight years postmaster at Elyria. They are the parents of one daughter, Shirley Webber, who was born May 25, 1915.

WILLIAM A. BRAMAN. Few men exercised a stronger and wider influence in the affairs of Lorain County than the late William A. Braman, who was in his sixty-ninth year when he died at Elyria April 12, 1905. In early life hard work and self-reliance were his portion, but in later years he was a vigorous force in the republican party of Lorain County, was both broad minded and practical in promoting everything good in his home city, and was highly successful in business, being president of the Elyria Savings and Banking Company at the time of his death.

He was born in Carlisle Township of Lorain County October 24, 1836. His Scotch ancestors came to America about 1700, locating in Boston, and several of them were revolutionary soldiers and the family was also represented in the War of 1812. One characteristic which has persisted through a number of generations is splendid physical development. Mr. Braman himself stood six feet three inches in height, and it is said that his grandfather and two brothers and two sisters were each six feet or more in height. Grandfather Braman was one of the pioneer settlers in Lorain County, coming from Genesee County, New York, to Avon Township in 1822. William A. Braman was the son of Anson and Emeline (Vincent) Braman. His father was born in Genesee County, New York, May 30, 1811, grew up partly in Avon Township, and for many years was a farmer and nurseryman in Carlisle Township. He was in the nursery business at Elyria from 1855 to 1872, and then removed to Michigan. Emeline Vincent was born in Massachusetts October 8, 1818, and had come with her parents in 1834 to Carlisle Township, where she was married the following year.

From his very boyhood the late William A. Braman had the independence to pursue a self-sustaining course, and on reaching manhood he was equal to the solution of any problems involved in his business and personal affairs. Apparently everything he undertook proved successful. He attended the district schools of his home neighborhood, and on reaching manhood, being thrown upon his own resources, he worked out on farms and also taught country school in order to pursue advanced studies in higher institutions. In 1864 he began dealing in live stock, and in 1870, associated with Mr. Boynton, he took up the cheese business. In the spring of 1874 he was one of the organizers of the firm of Braman, Horr & Warner, manufacturers and general dealers in butter and cheese. This business became one of the most extensive of its kind in Northern Ohio. During the last twenty-five or thirty years of his life his interests were not confined to any one line. In 1890 a stock company was organized by leading republicans in Elyria and Lorain County to purchase the Elyria Republican, which it was determined should become a temperance republican paper, true to the best interests of the party and in favor of temperance and moral interests. The directors of this company insisted upon Mr. Braman taking the position of editor, though he was without practical experience in that profession. He took the position at first only temporarily, but was unable to relinquish it for eight years, and made of it a journal notable for its high ground and standards as a republican paper and an exponent of temperance and every other reform. He was not only an able editor but made the Republican self-supporting financially.

In his later years Mr. Braman was best known as a banker. For

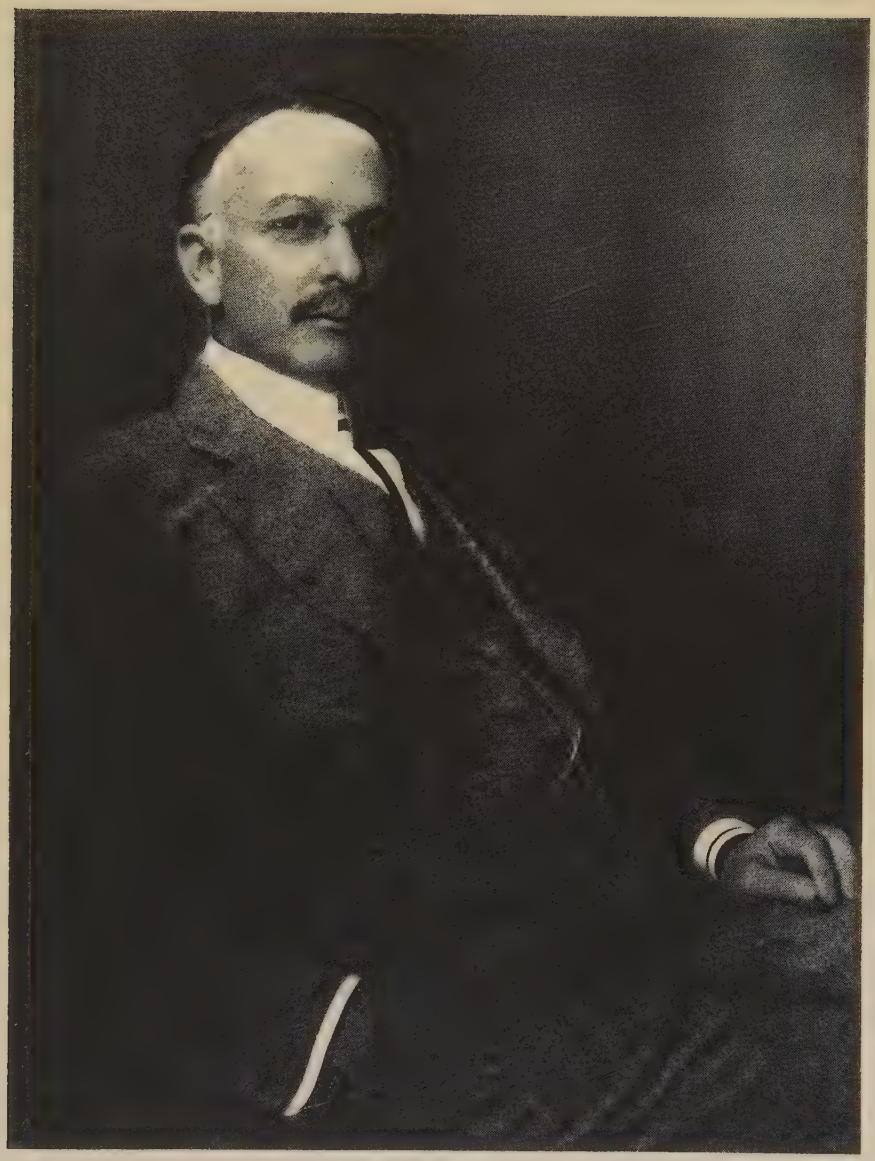
twenty years or more he was a director in The Savings Deposit Bank Company, for several years was vice president, and also president of The First National Bank of Lorain, and was a director of The Penfield Avenue Savings Bank at Lorain from its organization in 1895. Subsequently his banking interests were concentrated in the Elyria Savings & Banking Company, of which he was president.

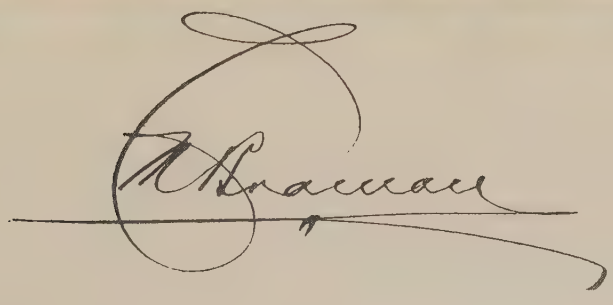
The ideals of useful citizenship were seldom better exemplified than in the career of William A. Braman. Always with credit he filled various positions of responsibility and honor. Personally he was dignified in his demeanor, possessed an impressive personality, and in everything was thoroughly American and patriotic. It was truthfully said of him that he was a better American than he was a partisan.

In politics his father had been an old line democrat, but in spite of that affiliation Mr. Braman had gone with the new republican party in 1856 and voted for John C. Fremont. William A. Braman came to manhood about the time the republican party was organized and about the time the great national crisis was evolved between the North and the South. Like many others he was influenced in his attitude toward public questions at that time by an early reading of Uncle Tom's Cabin, and he was an ardent boy partisan of Fremont in 1856. In 1860 he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and thereafter for more than forty years was a champion of the best in the grand old party. While living in his home Township of Carlisle he filled most of the township offices, trustee, clerk, treasurer, and at the age of thirty-one was appointed county commissioner for one year. In 1877 he was elected county treasurer by a majority of 2,800, the largest given to anyone on the ticket. He filled that place with fidelity and efficiency for two terms of two years each, receiving his nomination without opposition. In 1887 he was nominated and elected to the State Legislature, in which he served two terms. He was a member of the Finance Committee in both sessions of the Legislature, and among other things established the provision that each state institution should be regularly visited and inspected by a legislative committee. While in the Legislature he also showed himself an effective force in behalf of temperance reform. It was largely due to his efforts that the township local option law was passed and also the Sunday law, prohibiting sale of liquor on Sunday. Mr. Braman was one of the strongest supporters of Major McKinley in his first nomination for governor of Ohio, and did some effective work in consolidating the party on that candidate. For many years Mr. Braman was president of the Lorain County Humane Society, and though an intensely practical and busy man, the influences of humanitarianism were always guiding factors with him. For many years he was a member of the city council at Elyria, and was a trustee of the local schools for nineteen years. He was president seven years of the Lorain County Agricultural Society and for three years was president of the Farmers Institute.

With all these activities and interests he was essentially domestic in his tastes and found his highest happiness in his home and among his family. April 27, 1865, he married Miss Sophia E. Patterson, daughter of Hiram Patterson. Mrs. Braman is still living at Elyria. To their marriage were born three children, Theodore W., who was born in 1867, and is now deceased; Charles M., born in 1869; and Belle Louise.

Charles M. Braman. Since he was twenty-two years of age Charles M. Braman has been giving his best ability and energy to banking and his present position represents a steady promotion on the basis of merit and by reason of the prompt and efficient handling of all the responsibilities entrusted to his care.





Born at Carlisle in Lorain County March 5, 1869, Charles Martin Braman is a son of William A. and Sophia E. Braman. The Braman family is of Scotch-Irish descent. As will be found more fully stated on other pages the late William A. Braman was for many years prominent in county affairs, served as a member of the General Assembly four years, as county treasurer two terms, for many years was editor of the Elyria Republican, and was one of the organizers and until the date of his death in 1905 was president of the Elyria Savings and Banking Company.

Having finished his education in the Elyria public schools in 1888, Charles M. Braman at the age of twenty became clerk in the Savings Deposit Bank of Elyria. In 1892, after three years, he left to become cashier of the Savings Deposit Bank of Medina, Ohio. He was there two years and four months. However, he gained his reputation as a banker by his nineteen years of service as cashier of the Central Banking Company of Lorain, from which he resigned to take the position of vice president of the Savings Deposit Bank Company of Elyria in January, 1914; was elected to the presidency January 30, 1916. He is now vice president of the Central Banking Company of Lorain, is a director of the Wood Lumber Company of Lorain, and treasurer of the Eastern Heights Land Company of Elyria. In banking circles he enjoys an enviable position, and is the chief executive officer of one of the largest institutions of Northern Ohio, The Savings Deposit Bank and Trust Company having total resources of more than $2,000,000, representing not only large capital but the experience and business ability of a number of well known financiers.

In the spring of 1915, at the solicitation of his many republican friends, Mr. Braman consented to become a candidate for the republican nomination for city auditor of Elyria. Though he had five rivals for the nomination, in the August primaries he received more than a third of the total vote cast, and at the election, held November 2, 1915, was elected to fill that office. For more than thirteen years he served as deputy city treasurer of Lorain, Ohio, and on January 1, 1915, was appointed a member of the Elyria Board of Health and for two years had also been a member of the Elyria School Board. He is a director of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, is a member and director of the Country Club, is president of the Men's Club of the Congregational Church, president of the Social Settlement Association, and a trustee of the local Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Braman is an attendant of the First Congregational Church, and is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge and also with the Royal Arch Chapter of Masonry and with the Elks.

On June 20, 1895, at Elyria, Mr. Braman married Miss Anna B. Folger, daughter of the late Thomas Folger, to whom reference is made on other pages. The Folgers are an English family, and the first of the name emigrated to this country during the eighteenth century and founded the City of Nantucket. The late Thomas Folger was a nephew of Charles J. Folger, former secretary of the United States Treasury under President Garfield. Thomas Folger rose to the rank of adjutant in the Civil war with the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was a commission merchant in Cleveland several years, and served as mayor of Elyria two years. Mr. and Mrs. Braman have two children: Theodore F. and Josephine L. Mr. Braman finds his chief recreation in golf. He is a clean-cut business man, popular in social circles, and stands for all that is progressive and substantial in his home community.

THOMAS FOLGER. What the late Thomas Folger represented as an individual asset to the community of Lorain County is concisely described in an editorial from an Elyria paper published shortly after his death, which occurred at his summer home on Avon Point October 13, 1909. The opinions there expressed are vouched for by all the practical facts of his honored lifetime. The editorial was as follows:

"The sudden death of Thomas Folger came as a sad blow to his many friends in the city. Mr. Folger's personality had won for him during his long residence in Elyria a place in the respect of all his fellow citizens. His quiet, unassuming way spoke of a big nature, and those who knew him intimately were attracted strongly by his frankness and honesty as well as by a cordiality that never failed. He was quick to make up his mind, and his decisions were announced positively. One always counted on a square deal with Thomas Folger and was never disappointed. He attended to his business affairs in a quiet manner, accomplished successful results and won friends, which is much to say for a man in these days. His successful election as mayor a few years ago, against a strong party opposition, showed the confidence of the community and he made a most able official. He was impartial in his court work, rich and poor receiving impartial justice, while his rulings were ever tempered with good sense. He has always been a democrat in politics, and in his death the party loses one of its most loyal supporters. The city loses a good and patriotic citizen. His early years were cheerfully given to the service of his country and he also cheerfully undertook those civic duties entrusted to him. He was just preparing for an arduous campaign for re-election to the mayoralty when death cut him down, and he was entering into it with a zeal born entirely of a desire to help toward a needed reform in the various branches of the city government. He was glad to assume the burdens which would follow if his fellow citizens desired it. A good man indeed has gone from us."

Born in Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio, February 14, 1842, Thomas Folger was a son of Henry G. and Eliza A. (Ingersoll) Folger. The Folger family was established in America in colonial times, and one of the name was among the seven original proprietors of the Island of Nantucket. At Nantucket Thomas Folger's grandfather, also named Thomas, lived for many years, being identified with the old-time whaling industry, which had one of its important centers at Nantucket. He owned several whaling vessels, and when the English government provided a subsidy for the whaling industry, Thomas Folger moved his residence to London, England, and lived there until the abolition of the whale-oil bounty, and then returned to Nantucket. While living in London he was married, and in that city Henry G. Folger was born. Another of his sons was the late Charles J. Folger, who was United States sub-treasurer under President Grant, was secretary of the treasury under Presidents Garfield and Arthur, was otherwise a high Government official, and was judge of the Court of Appeals of New York. Henry C. Folger was the founder of the family in the Western Reserve of Ohio, for many years lived in Medina County, where he was a farmer and died at Elyria, November 26, 1885, having spent years of his life at Avon Point. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza A. Ingersoll, a native of Auburn, New York, died March 7, 1904, at the home of her son Thomas.

Educated in the common schools of Medina County and in the Western Reserve College at Hudson, the late Thomas Folger was nineteen when the war broke out and in August, 1861, enlisted as a private in Company H of the Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was

mustered out of that regiment and received his honorable discharge in July, 1865, after nearly four years of active service. While his regiment was in the army of the Potomac he fought at Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Peters Mountain, beside many minor engagements, and when the regiment was transferred to the army under Sherman he took part in the Atlanta campaign, and accompanied Sherman on the march to the sea and up through the Carolinas, finally participating in the Grand Review at Washington, in 1865. He was promoted out of the ranks to lieutenant and adjutant, and later received the brevet rank of captain. With the close of the war he took up his residence at Cleveland, was in the produce and commission business for about nine years, and up to 1878 gave his attention to the wholesale commission trade.

Lorain County's prominence as a grape growing center is largely due to the leadership of the late Thomas Folger. It was in 1878 that he identified himself with viticulture both for pleasure and profit, and on his farm of 150 acres at Avon Point along the shores of Lake Erie he cultivated the grape for many years and perhaps as extensively as any other vineyardist in Lorain County. The industry is still continued by his family and no grapes of better quality are shipped out of Ohio than those from the Folger vineyard. For the last twenty years of his life Mr. Folger lived at Elyria, though for months at a time his residence there was only nominal, since he found his chief pursuit and pleasure in the supervision of his beautiful country estate. He performed a useful service in bringing the grape growers together in the organization of the Lorain County Grape Growers Shipping Association, and for fourteen years was manager of the association and had charge of the selling and shipping of the crops of the 150 growers who were its members.

Always a democrat in politics, while not ambitious for official preferment, his civic loyalty was such that he did not deny himself or his services to the public. He served several years as a member of the city council of Elyria, and was the nominee of the party for the office of mayor in 1903. His election was not only a triumph for the cause of good government locally, but was particularly interesting from the fact that he was the first democratic mayor of Elyria in more than half a century, and his administration was distinctly creditable to the party.

The late Thomas Folger had been identified with the Royal Arch body of Masons for more than forty years, and was also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and with the Grand Army of the Republic. On May 6, 1867, he married Miss Della M. Beswick, who was born and reared at Medina, daughter of Asahel and Emma A. (Richards) Beswick. Mrs. Folger is still living at Elyria. She was the mother of four daughters: Anna B., wife of Charles M. Braman, president of the Savings Deposit Bank and Trust Company of Elyria; Josephine D., wife of Dr. Charles H. Cushing of Elyria, further mentioned on other pages: Ida A., who died at the age of eight years; and Jean P., wife of Arthur D. Pettibone of Cleveland.

Henry F. Smith. For a man who started in life absolutely dependent upon his own resources, even to the extent of paying his way through school, Henry F. Smith, who is now vice president of the Peoples Banking Company of Oberlin, has made a success that is stimulating and encouraging to younger men.

He was born in Elyria, Ohio, November 30, 1867, a son of Charles W. and Anna Mary (Loux) Smith. Both parents were natives of Wuertemberg, Germany. His father was born in 1842 and is still living, having been brought to the United States when twelve years old. The mother

was born in 1845, came to this country with her parents at the age of three, and died in 1896. They were married in Cleveland. Charles W. Smith was a jeweler by trade, and followed the business all his active career. He established himself at Elyria in 1862, and was in active business there until he retired about fifteen years ago. At one time he served as chief of the fire department in Elyria. He is a democrat in politics, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. His wife was a Catholic. Of their six children, four are living: William C., a shoe merchant at Elyria; Henry F.; Julia Mary, wife of M. J. McGuire, manager of the Standard Foundry Company at Cleveland; and Frank W., who was formerly a jeweler but now lives retired at Elyria.

Henry F. Smith attended the public schools at Elyria for a time, and out of his own earnings he paid for a course in pharmacy in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he finished in 1891. From his earnings as a pharmacy clerk he set himself up in business as a druggist at Oberlin in 1893. He prospered and continued active in that line of business until 1906, when he sold out. Since then he has been the chief executive officer of the Peoples Banking Company, of which he is vice president, and he also owns stock in the State Bank of Oberlin. He has also invested in real estate, both in Oberlin and in Lorain City.

In 1894 Mr. Smith married Dorothy Schubert, who was born near Oberlin, a daughter of William Schubert, one of the early settlers of Lorain County. They have one daughter, Catherine Dorothy, now in school. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the First Congregational Church, and he has always taken much interest in Masonry, being junior warden of the Blue lodge, and a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and the Knights Templar Commandery. For a number of years he has been an enthusiastic republican and has given his influence without reserve to the benefit of his home community. He is still a member of the city council and has been connected with that body for the past six years. At one time he was a member of the water board and for a number of years was precinct committeeman.

Lafayette Brush. On the 30th of August, 1905, was summoned to the life eternal the soul of a man whose sterling integrity and most exemplary christian character have left an indelible impress upon the hearts of his fellow men. At the time when he was called from the scene of his mortal endeavors he was in his sixty-eighth year and it may be said concerning him that "his strength was as the number of his days." The prestige which he gained as a fair and honorable man was the result of his own well-directed endeavors and his success was on a parity with his ability and well applied energy.

Mr. Brush was a farmer during the greater portion of his active career but during the latter years of his life he resided in Elyria. He was born at Butternut Ridge, Lorain County, Ohio, January 11, 1837, and he died August 30, 1905. He is buried in the Butternut Ridge Cemetery, near the old parental home. He was a son of Benjamin S. and Sarah (Miller) Brush, both natives of Connecticut, where they were married and whence they immigrated to Ohio in 1832. The parents located in Eaton Township, Lorain County, and there cleared and tilled a fine farm which is still owned by the family. There were twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brush and all grew to maturity except one who died at the age of fifteen years. Lafayette Brush was the youngest in the family, of whom Mrs. Hitchcock, widow of ex-Sheriff Hitchcock, is the only survivor, in 1915; she lives at Jackson, Michigan, and is in her eighty-fourth year.

Lafayette Brush was reared to maturity on his father's farm and he was educated in the neighboring district schools. He early began to assist his father in the work and management of the farm and after the latter's demise he bought out the other heirs and became sole owner of the parental estate. His mother lived with him until her death at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. The above farm consists of forty-seven acres and it has long been known as one of the finest little farms in this section of the state. Mr. Brush, whose workaday motto was "What's worth doing at all is worth doing well," took splendid care of his little estate and it was one of the model farms in this vicinity. Since his death Mrs. Brush sold the place to a nephew, Charles B. Brush, and he is the same kind of a fine, intelligent farmer that his uncle used to be. Mrs. Brush visits the old place occasionally and is much delighted with the splendid care her old homestead receives. In the early days Mr. Brush's father erected a log house on this land and subsequently he had built one of those old fashioned, heavy frame houses and the same is still standing. It has been modernized throughout and makes a fine, comfortable home for its present occupants.

In 1892 Lafayette Brush gave up farming and came to Elyria, locating in the beautiful home at 234 Eighth Street, now owned and occupied by his widow. He was considered a man of excellent judgment and used to be called upon by his neighbors to appraise property. His word was as good as his bond and he commanded the love and esteem of his many loyal friends and acquaintances. He was a republican in politics and in religious faith was a devout member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

May 27, 1860, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Brush to Miss Marie Beulah Hulin, a daughter of Edward and Olive (Palmer) Hulin. Mrs. Brush was born near Bucyrus, Ohio, and she lost her mother when she was a child of but two years of age. She was reared to maturity in the home of her maternal grandparents at Ridgeville, Ohio. Mrs. Brush is possessed of a sweet, kindly disposition and her life has been exemplary in all respects. She has a fine, generous heart and is always extending a helping hand to neighbors and friends in distress.

Mr. Brush was a man of fine mentality and broad human sympathy. He thoroughly enjoyed home life and took great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. He was always courteous, kindly and affable and those who knew him personally accorded him the highest esteem.

Albert A. Plato. That he is not lacking in the mature judgment and resourcefulness implied in his classical family name, is shown by the position which Mr. Plato holds in connection with the more important industrial activities of the City of Lorain, where he is the general manager of the Crystal Ice Company, engaged in the manufacturing of artificial ice on an extensive scale. This company was organized in 1907 and was incorporated with a capital stock of $65,000, which was increased in 1914 to $75,000. The personnel of the company official corps is as here noted: William Seher, president; John S. Dorn, vice president; August Kuebeler, secretary; Edward A. Brown, treasurer; and Albert A. Plato, general manager. The plant of the company occupies a substantial modern building 130 by 150 feet in dimensions, a portion of the same having a height of three stories and the remainder of two stories. The establishment has a capacity for the output of fifty tons of ice daily, and a storage capacity for 3,000 tons. Employment is given to an average force of thirty men and the enterprise virtually represents one of the most important public utilities of the thriving City of Lorain.

Albert Aloysius Plato has the distinction of claiming Lorain County as the place of his nativity, for he was born in the Village of Amherst, this county, on the 11th of September, 1870, a son of Henry A. and Elizabeth (Hildebrand) Plato. Henry A. Plato was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1857. He became eventually a prosperous merchant at Amherst, this county, where he is now living retired, a citizen of sterling character and one who has secure place in popular esteem. Both he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Catholic Church, in the faith of which their children were carefully reared.

Albert A. Plato gained his preliminary education in the parochial and public schools and supplemented this by an effective course in the celebrated Notre Dame University at South Bend, Indiana. Thereafter he continued to be associated with his father in the general merchandise business until 1899, when he established at Amherst an independent business enterprise, as a dealer in men's furnishing goods. To this enterprise he continued to devote his attention until 1904, in May of which year he assumed the position of collector for the Lorain & Elyria Ice & Coal Company. Upon the reorganization of the corporation in 1907, as the Crystal Ice Company of Lorain, Mr. Plato was made general manager, of which responsible office he has since continued the efficient and valued incumbent. He is also president of the Amherst Hardware Company, a leading mercantile concern in his native village, and he served from 1891 to 1893 as township clerk of Amherst Township. He is a democrat in politics, is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his religious faith is that of the Catholic Church, of which his wife likewise is a communicant.

On the 26th of September, 1895, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Plato to Miss Rose A. Ludwig, daughter of John L. and Carrie E. Ludwig, of Amherst, Mr. Ludwig being a skilled machinist. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Plato are Paul Ludwig and Bernice Wilhelmina.

Elyria Memorial Hospital. A tragedy in the City of Elyria, occurring on Memorial Day of 1907, in the shape of a street railroad disaster, in which lives were lost and injured, gave and formulated the definite impulse to the founding of the Elyria Memorial Hospital, which takes its name from that occasion, and which is dedicated to the high ideal of caring for and affording medical or surgical treatment to the sick, injured or disabled persons residing in Elyria or Lorain County. As an institution, it represents the liberal contributions and support of the people of the city and county, rich and poor, and of every station in life, and as such a project is to relieve suffering and save lives without distinction as to race, nationality, color, sex or religious convictions. Neither directly nor indirectly is its management under the control of any religious or sectarian bodies, nor of any particular school of medicine or treatment. Certainly one of the best of the many distinctions connected with this institution is the broad and liberal basis on which it was founded and has been maintained.

For several years prior to 1907 a private hospital had been maintained in Elyria, assisted by limited contributions from individuals. In May, 1907, a short time before the tragic accident above mentioned, a movement had been started to organize a hospital association with the co-operation of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. The plans were hastened in their fruition by the emergency created by the street railway disaster, and the entire community was aroused to the need for adequate hospital facilities.

The Elyria Chamber of Commerce took the general supervision of

the campaign which in three months netted over $80,000 in popular subscription, to which was added the sum of $25,000 donated by the city government in annual payments of $5,000, which was to be applied to the maintenance. In June, 1907, the Elyria Memorial Hospital Company was organized and incorporated under the laws of Ohio. This company owns and controls all funds and property and is directly responsible for the conduct and management of the institution. The company comprises fifty persons, of whom forty must be residents of Lorain County. Twenty-five of these were originally chosen by the members of the hospital association, and these in turn selected fifteen others. The remaining ten comprised the five members of the advisory board of physicians and elected by the physicians' committee of the association, and five who are members of the company by virtue of their official positions, including the mayor of Elyria, the chairman of the commissioners of Lorain County, the senior judge of the Court of Common Pleas, the president of the hospital association and the president of the hospital auxiliary. The active management of the company is vested in a board of trustees, nine in number, three being elected each year by members of the corporation.

During 1907 the company had secured a tract of about three acres of ground on East River Street, and the first real work on the building was begun October 17th of that year, the cornerstone being laid in the following November. The doors of the institution were opened for the reception of patients on October 30, 1908. The main hospital building completed in that year is of modern design and equipment, of the colonial style of architecture, built of red pressed brick and sandstone, with the floors of re-enforced concrete and the entire structure fireproof. Its westerly frontage is 175 feet and its depth is 55 feet. During the first year 408 people were treated as patients of the hospital, and since then the growth and service of the institution have been steady and uniform. During the first year the average daily number of patients cared for was 18; an average number of 22 in the second year; 27 in the third year; 32 in the fourth year; 37 in the fifth year; 41 in the sixth year; and 46 in the seventh year, which closed in November, 1915. The first important addition to the hospital buildings was the erection of a nurses' home, which was begun in the fall of 1910 and was dedicated in the fall of 1911. The quarters formerly occupied by the nurses in the main hospital were then taken to enlarge the facilities of that institution.

The first important addition of land was the purchase of about two acres adjoining the old tract in the spring of 1914, while about a year later the company secured another strip of land, making a total of practically eight acres in the heart of the city, with an ideal location.

The most recent addition to the buildings and service of this magnificent institution was the opening of the W. N. Gates Hospital for sick, crippled and deformed children in the spring of 1915. After the death of her husband, William N. Gates, who had been one of the original trustees of the hospital company, Mrs. Gates donated as a memorial to her husband the entire amount of money necessary for the erection of the building. The site and necessary improvements were furnished by the hospital company, and the cost of equipment was contributed by relatives and friends of Mr. Gates and by the school children of Elyria. This institution is under the management of the Elyria Memorial Hospital Company and is maintained especially for the care of the children of Lorain County. It has been found necessary to emphasize the fact that the Gates Hospital is not an orphan asylum, and only those children are received who need such care and medical or surgical attention as the institution is designed to give.

The future plans of the hospital company contemplate the erection of two more buildings, one of them power house and laundry, and the other a maternity home.

It is noteworthy that the first officers of the Elyria Memorial Hospital Company are still in active service and have been retained year after year in the executive management. The officers are: Judge W. W. Boynton, president; F. A. Smythe, vice president; E. F. Allen, treasurer; and Charles E. Tucker, secretary. The original board of trustees under whom the hospital was opened in 1908 were: W. W. Boynton, W. N. Gates, E. F. Allen, A. L. Garford, F. A. Smythe, Albert Kistner, George D. Nicholas, Sr., T. T. Robinson and J. P. Sala. At the present time the trustees in addition to the president, vice president and treasurer are: T. T. Robinson, George D. Nicholas, A. L. Garford, W. S. Miller, L. B. Fauver.

As the Memorial Hospital is in the best sense of the word a great philanthropy, it requires support from other sources than the receipts from pay patients and other income. One of the organizations which have been formed to aid and assist the company in maintaining the hospital and extending its charitable work has been the Elyria Memorial Hospital Association, this being a men's organization, while the Elyria Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is an organization of women formed for the same purpose. There is also an organization of young people known as the Elyria Memorial Hospital Junior Auxiliary.

This hospital is one of the few in the United States run on strictly business principles so far as its management is concerned, without conflicting with the true spirit of philanthropy which governs its service to individual patients. One feature that illustrates this business system that pervades the entire management is the card catalog by which every patient ever received or treated in the hospital has been kept track of, containing a record of the ailments and treatment, when the patient was received and when discharged. For this businesslike efficiency in the management of the fiscal affairs of the institution much credit is given to the treasurer, E. F. Allen, who since the organization of the hospital company has given liberally of his time to its general welfare and particularly to the accurate and systematic conduct of its business affairs. As the usefulness of any institution of this kind must, in the last analysis, depend upon the efficiency of its financial management, it will not be inappropriate to quote a portion of the report of the auditing committee covering the books of the company up to November 7, 1914. This report in part says: "At the request of the officers of the Hospital Company we are making further examination of the books and records of the company regarding their system of accounting for patients and the general plan in the office adopted by the hospital in reference to its records of patients received and discharged, and we wish to say for the benefit of the general public of Elyria and Lorain county that the system in handling accounts and records is complete and comprehensive, and when the company makes statements that during the past year they have handled nearly fifteen thousand hospital days of service, of which two-thirds, or over ten thousand days, are all or part charity work, that these statements are correct, and we also are glad to state that the figures given for cost of patient, somewhat under two dollars per day are considerably lower than reports given by other institutions of similar character. We feel that the public should know as we know that the accounting system in connection with the Elyria Memorial Hospital is more elaborate and complete than we had any idea of, and we recommend to the general public and other institutions of similar nature an examination of same." And the financial report covering the fiscal year ending November 1, 1915, is even more flattering than the above.

MR. AND MRS. CLAIR O. GOSS

CLAIR O. GOSS is proprietor of one of the distinctive enterprises of Lorain County, namely: The Glendale Ferret Company of Wellington. This is an important department of his farm on Rural Route No. 1 out of Wellington, and he has had a great deal of success in raising ferrets for commercial purposes. He ships his animals to every state in the Union, and has a complete set of buildings and equipment necessary for the propagation and training of these very valuable animals. He has shipped as high as 1,000 in a season.

Mr. Goss was born in Brighton Township, January 22, 1883, and is one of the live and progressive younger citizens of Lorain County. His parents were Otis F. and Mary (Sinclair) Goss. His father was born at Berea, Ohio, April 23, 1839, and died March 20, 1908. He was a son of David and Aurelia (Porter) Goss, the former a native of Montague, Massachusetts, and the latter of Vermont. David Goss came out to Ohio when a single man and after investigating the country went back East and returned with his bride. He was a very prosperous and enterprising citizen, owned a large farm and operated two mills. Otis F. Goss was seven years old when he came with his parents to Brighton Township, received his education in this county, and became a farmer and also conducted a sawmill and followed his trade as a carpenter. He was a republican in politics, but later gave his support to the prohibition cause. He pursued his business as a farmer on eighty acres of land. Both he and his wife were active members of the Congregational Church. His wife, Mary Sinclair, was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, August 12, 1850, and is still living. They were married September 26, 1876. Her father was Alexander Sinclair and he brought his family to the United States in 1852 when Mrs. Goss was two years of age. The Sinclairs settled near Ruggles, and afterwards went to Clarksfield, where Mr. Sinclair bought a farm and spent the rest of his days. In the Sinclair family were eleven children, and the three now living are Mrs. A. E. Watt of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Isabelle Ross, a widow, living at Wakeman, Ohio; Mrs. Goss. Alexander, deceased, was a farmer at Clarksfield.

Clair O. Goss is the only child of his parents. He received his education in the district schools and had much preliminary training on a farm before taking up agriculture as his regular vocation. His farm comprises eighty acres of land, and he gives his time to general farming, to the operation of the Glendale Ferret Company, and he also does some dairying. The farm is well improved, and he has one of the best silos in the entire county.

On September 8, 1910, Mr. Goss married Ona Niles, a daughter of Jerome and Carminetta A. (Gillett) Niles, and a granddaughter of Ichabod and Miranda (Lake) Niles. Her father was born in Canada in 1860 and died in 1890 and her mother was born in Lorain County in 1854 and is still living. Mrs. Goss has one brother, Edwin, who is a policeman at Kansas City. Mrs. Goss is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while Mr. Goss belongs to the Congregational Church. He is a member of the Maccabees and politically is a republican. In the fall of 1915 he was elected township trustee and had served two terms in that office prior to that election. He is a very popular and widely known citizen in Wellington Township.

HON. CLARENCE G. WASHBURN. It was in 1892 that Judge Washburn began the practice of law at Lorain and the honors of office and a profitable patronage as a lawyer soon followed. For many years Judge Washburn has represented the qualities of the true leader in the life of Lorain County, and the worth of his career is attested by many important relations with the institutions and affairs of his home city.

Clarence Griffin Washburn was born in Greenwich Township of Huron County, Ohio, February 19, 1867, a son of Henry C. and Charlotte (Griffin) Washburn. His parents came to Ohio from the vicinity of Syracuse, New York, and in earlier generations the ancestors were Connecticut people. Judge Washburn was sixteen years old when his mother died and ten years later the father died.

His father was a farmer, but in later years lived in the Village of Greenwich, where Judge Washburn spent the first eighteen years of his life. With a common school education and with good natural endowments, he then went out to Kansas with an older brother, and after his return three years later spent one year in conducting a retail shoe business in Huron County. This was the sum of his experiences before he took up the study of law in the office of T. L. Strimple. From the private study of law about two years later he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, where he was graduated June 30, 1892. In the spring of 1892, having been admitted to practice law in Ohio, he obtained a leave of absence from the University and opened an office at Lorain, returning to Ann Arbor in June to take examinations which gave him the degree of Bachelor of Laws. His first important official position was village solicitor, to which he was appointed by the council of Lorain in 1894. About that time came a much more important event in his life, his marriage on July 25, 1894, to Miss Maude M. Marsh, of Greenwich, and an old schoolmate of Judge Washburn. Few wives have been more practical and helpful companions to their husbands than Mrs. Washburn. Prior to her marriage she had been deputy in the probate office of Huron County, and when Judge Washburn was elected clerk of courts of Lorain County in 1896 she assisted him in the office, and in all their relations, both in business and at home, their lives have been singularly felicitous and harmonious. Mrs. Washburn was admitted to practice law in Ohio in 1896, but has never exercised that privilege in a professional way.

In 1897, following his election to county office, Judge Washburn moved to Elyria, and has since had his home in that city. He was re-elected to the office of clerk in 1899, and did not return actively to the practice of law until the fall of 1903. In 1904 Governor Myron T. Herrick appointed him judge of the Common Pleas Court for the second sub-division of the Fourth Judicial District, to serve until his successor was elected. At a special election he was chosen his own successor in November, 1905, and by re-election in 1906 continued on the bench until 1913. In 1912, while still in office as Common Pleas judge, he was nominated by the republicans for judge of the Court of Appeals in the Eighth Judicial District, which included the City of Cleveland. Owing to the split in the republican party of that year Judge Washburn failed to receive an election which otherwise would have been largely a matter of course. In February, 1913, he resumed the practice of law at Elyria.

When Judge and Mrs. Washburn were married they were both poor, and they have used their abilities and opportunities to secure the most cherished of their ambitions, a good home and family of fine children, and means to live comfortably. Their children are: Charlotte Edwards, aged seventeen; Anna Paine, aged sixteen; Warner Marsh, aged twelve; and Elizabeth, aged seven. Mrs. Washburn has proved a model mother, and in her success as a home-maker and in her capable judgment in business affairs she shares the honors of accomplishment associated with the name of her husband. Both are active members of the First Congregational Church of Elyria. For about ten weeks every summer the family live at the Summer Assembly Grounds maintained by the Congregational Church at Crystal Lake near Frankfort, Michigan, and Judge

Washburn manages to spend about two weeks of the year at the same place.

Judge Washburn is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias and in politics has always been a republican. He is a director in the Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Company of Elyria, is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, a life member of the Library Board, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association, a life member of the Elyria Memorial Hospital, was former president and is now a trustee of the Social Settlement at Elyria, has served as president of the Elyria Country Club, and has been president of the Men's Club of the Congregational Church, an organization that has been in existence for the past eight years. Through these and other channels he finds opportunities to do a great deal of public-spirited work in behalf of his home city and county. Judge Washburn is a member of the Lorain County Bar Association and is trustee of the Lorain County Law Library Association. His chief recreation is golf.

Byron Gerald Nichols. For more than thirty years Byron Gerald Nichols has been identified with the business interests of Lorain, first as a successful merchant and more recently as an operator in real estate and insurance. His connections are so numerous and important, however, that it would be difficult to find a field to which his activities have not led him, and each of his various ventures has been brought to a success through the exercise of his fine abilities. His business talents have always been used to further the interests of the city, and as a member of the Lorain City Council for five years he contributed materially to civic improvement and advancement.

Mr. Nichols is a native son of Lorain, and was born October 12, 1864, his parents being John and Deborah (Lowe) Nichols. The parents came to Lorain County in 1857, settling in the vicinity of Lorain, on a farm, and here the father continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remaining years of his life, and passed away November 1, 1878. He was one of the substantial, practical farmers of his locality, was a man of the highest honor and integrity, and won and held the entire confidence of the people of his community. Mrs. Nichols survived him for a long period, and passed away at the old home, May 15, 1899.

The public schools of Lorain furnished Byron Gerald Nichols with his early education, following which he enrolled as a student at Baldwin University, at Berea, Ohio, from which institution he was duly graduated in 1883. Thus equipped, Mr. Nichols entered business life at Lorain, establishing himself as the proprietor of a general merchandise establishment, of which he continued to be the head for a period of twelve years. In the meantime he had at various times invested in realty holdings, and his interests in this direction grew so extensively that he decided to give more of his attention to the real estate business. He accordingly disposed of his holdings in the store, which he had built up to large proportions, and opened an office as a dealer in real estate, loans, insurance, etc., in which field of endeavor he has steadily advanced to a foremost position among the business men of Lorain. Mr. Nichols has been connected with various transactions of large magnitude, and his great capacity and thorough knowledge of values, coupled with many years of business association with capitalists and men of affairs, render him a valued medium for the carrying through of real estate deals. Mr. Nichols' abilities have been recognized and appreciated by his associates at Lorain, and his connection with enterprises of an important character are many, including directorships in the Lorain Banking

Company, the Black River Telephone Company, the Lorain Glove Company and the Lorain Casting Company. He is a member and steward of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Lorain. Mr. Nichols' first political office was that of township clerk, in which capacity he served very acceptably for two years. He was then sent to the Lorain City Council, where he served five years, and while a member of that body served on the finance and other important committees.

Mr. Nichols was married November 20, 1884, at New London, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Brightman, daughter of P. B. Brightman, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Huron County, and a member of a family that has been well known and prominent in Ohio for many years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols: Howard Kent, who graduated in June, 1914, from Western Reserve University, and is now associated with his father in the real estate business. He was married September 10, 1915, to Miss Gladys White, a daughter of John P. and Mae (Reed) White, of Cleveland, Ohio. Enid Lucretia and Millicent Deborah reside with their parents. Personally, Mr. Nichols' manner and bearing are those of the brainy, successful business man, and he thus possesses peculiar advantages for his chosen vocation. His friends are as numerous as his acquaintances, and his career in the real estate history of Lorain County is no doubt destined to continue as a brilliant one.

Artemas Beebe, who had the distinction of being the last survivor of the first pioneers of Elyria, was born at Russell, Hampden County, Massachusetts, October 7, 1793, and died at Elyria, Ohio, March 29, 1880, aged eighty-six years, five months, twenty-two days. Educational advantages during his youth were not such as they are today in Massachusetts, but such opportunities as were afforded by the common schools were eagerly grasped by the lad during the intervals between his labor, and he grew up alert in mind and active in body, with an education which allowed him to take his proper place and hold his own among men.

When still a youth, Mr. Beebe became a clerk in his father's store, there acquiring a rudimentary knowledge of business that laid the foundation upon which was later built a structure of business success, but his ambition at that time was to do more for himself than the opportunities promised in his native place, and when in his twenty-third year he engaged to accompany Heman Ely to his new possessions in the Far West, as Ohio was then regarded, in the capacity of carpenter and joiner. This company consisted of Heman Ely, Ebenezer Lane, Luther Lane, Artemas Beebe, Ann Snow, the housekeeper, and Ned, Mr. Ely's colored servant, and left Springfield, Massachusetts, February 20, 1817, for the wilderness of the Western Reserve, where since has been built the community of Elyria. After a long and toilsome journey, the little party arrived at their destination on the evening of March 18, 1817, and found lodgings in the hut of logs that had been erected in the previous months, the only house in the settlement, which stood on what now is the south side of Broad Street, near where the "Old Tavern" still stands as a landmark of early days. It is not necessary to follow Mr. Beebe through his years of activity in preparing homes for those who were to share in the hardships of the pioneers; suffice it to say that his resolute purpose to realize the ambitions of his youth never forsook him, and that from early morn until late at night he labored with the tools of his trade, or with the axe and hand-spike drove back the solid forest and added to the comforts of his home and the area of his farm. In February of the year following his arrival, he purchased a horse and returned to his home in New England, where he remained only a short time, and when he came back had a horse

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and wagon. Again, in February, 1820, he went to Massachusetts, covering the greater part of the journey on foot, and on the 4th of the following October was married in that state to Miss Pamelia Morgan. With his bride and a wagon containing the most important implements of housekeeping he started for the new country again, arriving November 17. She continued to be his true and faithful helpmate during his long and useful career, and her death, which occurred June 26, 1878, had a very depressing effect on Mr. Beebe and no doubt hastened his own demise.

Six years after he commenced housekeeping in the "Beebe Tavern," Mr. Beebe became the contractor for carrying the mails between Elyria and Cleveland, and this enterprise, beginning in a small way, eventually grew into a line of stage coaches which ran between Cleveland and Lower Sandusky, which was afterwards called Tremont. The handling of this business required the possession of considerable executive ability and energy to insure its success, but Mr. Beebe was not found lacking in either, and the result was that after fifteen years of labor in this venture he sold

ARTEMAS BEEBE TAVERN, 1820

his entire line, in 1842, to Neil, Moore & Company, and began to devote his then ample means to enterprises more directly beneficial to his immediate community.

The Beebe House, which Mr. Beebe erected in 1846, was at that time the largest and best appointed hostelry in any country town in the West. He was one of the stockholders of the Lorain Bank at Elyria at the time of its organization, this now being known as the National Bank of Elyria, and was a member of its board of directors from its inception, in 1847, through its nationalization, up to the time of his death, and at all times had the regard and confidence of his associates, who looked to him for advice and leadership in important ventures. During all these years his early habits of industry never forsook him, and he was constantly employed in personally superintending the operation of his large estate, often performing work that could have been done by other hands, merely from the habit of keeping energetically at work. But the stoutest muscle cannot always endure and the strongest will must sometimes yield to the inexorable laws of nature. On November 18, 1876, while walking in his yard, he suffered a severe attack of paralysis, which for a time rendered his limbs on one side powerless to perform their functions, and it was feared for a time that he could not recover. His strong constitution and indomitable will, however, gradually overcame the dreaded disease, and he

was able to use his arms, although he never recovered the use of his lower limbs and from the day of his attack never left the house unless carried to his carriage for a short drive amid the scenes of former labors.

Mr. Beebe contributed liberally to the church and Sunday school, as well as to benevolent and charitable movements. His mind continued alert to the last, and with the strict probity and integrity that had governed all his actions, he arranged his business affairs in an orderly manner, preparing thus calmly and resignedly for his final departure. He survived all the others of the party who came as pioneers to Elyria. Heman Ely died February 2, 1852; Ebenezer Lane, who became a chief justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, June 12, 1866; Luther Lane, November 23, 1868; and the colored boy, Ned, at West Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1830, while Ann Snow died some time before Mr. Beebe, although the exact date is not known.

Mrs. Beebe, who died June 26, 1878, was born at West Springfield, Massachusetts, November 9, 1799. On October 4, 1820, she was married to Mr. Beebe at West Springfield, by the old blind pastor, Rev. Joseph Lathrop, assisted by his colleague, Rev. William B. Sprague. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Beebe had been a member of the First Congregational Church of West Springfield, but when in 1824 the First Presbyterian Church of Elyria was formed, she became one of the ten original members, and at the time of her death only one other of the first ten survived. At the time of their deaths, Mr. and Mrs. Beebe belonged to the First Congregational Church of Elyria.

There were three daughters and two sons in the family of Artemas and Pamelia (Morgan) Beebe: Mary, who died September 11, 1903, as the wife of Edwin Hall, leaving two children, of whom one is living, —Mrs. R. S. Sloan, of Sandusky, Ohio; Henry, who died February 15, 1905, at Toledo, Ohio, leaving one son, George, who died at Cincinnati soon after his father's death; Artemas, a sketch of whose career will be found on another page of this work; Sarah, who died October 11, 1904, as the wife of Frank Turner, and left one daughter,—Winnifred L., who makes her home with her aunt; and Pamelia Beebe, the youngest of the family and the only one now living, who makes her home at the old Beebe residence, 264 Broad Street. Pamelia Beebe was the only one of the children to be born in this home, the others all being born in the old Beebe Tavern here, an old landmark of Elyria, a cut of which is shown herewith. She was educated here and in girlhood joined the First Congregational Church, of which she has continued to be a member since the time of her father's joining, her mother having been a charter member when the church was organized. Pamelia Beebe is president of the Lorain County Historical Society, an office which she has held since the death of her sister, Mary, whom she succeeded. She is well known in church and social circles, and is held in high esteem, not only for her many personal attainments, but as the representative of a family than which none has done more to make Elyria's history. From her father's interesting reminiscences of early days, the late Mrs. Mary Hall compiled a 58-page book, containing many early-day cuts of building and scenery, "Reminiscences of Elyria, Ohio," which was published in 1900 and dedicated to the Lorain County Historical Society, of which she was then president. This interesting work met with a large sale, the proceeds from which were turned over to the society to further its work.

Artemas Beebe. In the death of the late Artemas Beebe, which occurred at his farm residence on Cleveland Street, August 27, 1891, Elyria lost a citizen who was a native son, who had grown with the

community, and whose history was a part of the history of the locality. He watched the straggling little hamlet of his boyhood grow and develop into a center of business, agricultural, educational and religious activity, and while bearing his full share of the labors and responsibilities necessary to bring this great development about, won fairly and retained unquestionably the warmest regard and fullest confidence of his fellowmen.

Mr. Beebe was born in the old hotel known as Beebe Tavern, at Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio, October 10, 1825, and spent his entire sixty-six years of life here. He was the second son of the late Artemas Beebe, who had come to this community with the late Heman Ely, from Massachusetts, in 1817, and assisted in making a home in the wilderness where Elyria now stands, and a sketch of whose career and achievements will be found on another page of this work. Artemas Beebe of this review was educated in the public schools, which he attended until nearly fifteen years of age, and at that time became a clerk in the dry goods store of the late Seymour W. Baldwin, where he remained for several years, then turning his attention to farming. On November 25, 1847, he was married to Miss Nancy L. Fisher, of Grafton, Lorain County, and soon thereafter removed to his farm near the city, where, with the exception of two years, he passed the remainder of his life. At the time of his father's death, in 1880, he became the owner of the Beebe Hotel, which he leased until 1886, in which year he took possession as manager, but after two years of experience in this direction returned to farming and continued to be engaged therein until his death. As an agriculturist he was energetic, progressive and enterprising, winning a substantial property through straightforward and above-board transactions. He was an active worker in religious affairs in Lorain County, and was a member and regular attendant of the Congregational Sunday School of Elyria for sixty years, for ten years of which time he acted in the capacity of assistant superintendent. In addition, he was for a long period chairman of the executive committee of the Lorain County Sunday School Union. During thirty-three years he was an active and highly honored member of the Congregational Church of Elyria. A highly regarded man among his associates, in his home he was a kind husband and an indulgent father, and, in fact, in every walk of life, followed the dictates of a conscience that never failed to point out the proper course for him to pursue as an honest, God-fearing man.

Mrs. Beebe, who was born at Grafton, Lorain County, Ohio, January 12, 1825, died at Elyria, November 15, 1898. They became the parents of four children, as follows: Mary M. (Beebe) Williams, who died suddenly at the family home in the same year as her mother, when apparently in the best of health; William A., born October 14, 1848, at Elyria, for years a telegraph operator with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, a good citizen and a respecter of the Golden Rule, married Fanny Mills and had a son and daughter, the latter of whom died in October, 1900, and himself passed away December 10, 1902, mourned by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances; Frank, who is a resident of Elyria; and Artemas, also of this city.

Artemas Beebe. During a period of more than seventeen years, Artemas Beebe has been identified with the Cleveland & Southwestern Railway, in the capacity of conductor, and in this time has become one of the best known and most popular officials on the line. He belongs to one of Lorain County's pioneer families, which was founded here by his grandfather, Artemas Beebe, who came to Elyria in 1817. Since

that time the history of the family has been that of the city and county.

Mr. Beebe of this review was born at Elyria, May 26, 1869, and is a son of Artemas and Nancy Louise (Fisher) Beebe. Separate mention is made in this work of his father and grandfather, as well as of his brother, Frank Beebe, of Elyria, who is the only other survivor of the family of four children, of whom Artemas is the youngest. Educated in the public schools of Elyria, Artemas Beebe was graduated from the high school with the class of 1890, and at that time became the proprietor of a book store, located on Broad Street, at the present site of the Haserodt jewelry store, at No. 503. During the four years that Mr. Beebe conducted this establishment, under the firm style of Beebe & Company, Edward Fisher, the jeweler, shared the rooms with him. In 1895, when he sold his business to John C. Bins, Mr. Beebe went to work under his father-in-law, the late George H. Mapes, of whose career further notice will be found elsewhere in this work. He began as yard clerk at the Baltimore & Ohio Junction, and later for five years was identified with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, and when he left that concern entered the service of the Cleveland & Elyria Electric Railway, which has since become the Cleveland & Southwestern Railway. Since June 2, 1898, he has acted in the capacity of conductor and his faithful, efficient and courteous performance of his duties has made him one of the company's most trusted and valued employes, as well as placing him high in the regard of the passengers who patronize this line.

Mr. Beebe has large interests in the Beebe estate, owning a part of the 200-acre farm which his father had on the east side of the city, and in addition holding a number of valuable pieces of city realty. In business circles he has many warm friends among leading and influential citizens and has built up a reputation for integrity and fidelity which the members of his family have always enjoyed. Raised a Mason in 1901, Mr. Beebe has taken a keen interest in Masonic work, and when the Masonic Temple was being built probably collected more money for its erection than any other person in Elyria. He is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Mason, of which he is past master; was eminent commander of Elyria Commandery No. 60, in 1910; in 1911 and 1912 was thrice illustrious master of Elyria Council No. 86, and belongs to Lake Erie Consistory, being a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He also holds membership in the Knights of the Maccabees and the Royal Arcanum. As a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Beebe has assisted in forwarding movements which have advanced the commercial and industrial welfare of the city, and he also belongs to the Elyria Memorial Hospital Relief Association, and, with his family, to the First Congregational Church of Elyria. When the Young Men's Christian Association Building was being erected at Elyria he took a prominent part in the collection of funds, being a member of Captain Buttenbender's team.

On December 16, 1891, Mr. Beebe was married to Miss Minnie Angeline Mapes, who was born at Bellevue, Ohio, the only child of George and Marietta E. (King) Mapes, by whom she was brought to Elyria when she was one and one-half years of age. Mr. Mapes is now deceased, and his widow owns the home at No. 626 Broad Street, which Mr. Mapes built, and in which Mr. and Mrs. Beebe now reside.

George Mapes. For thirty-three years the late George Mapes was a well-known and highly respected citizen of Elyria and was one of the most popular railroad men of this community, his connection with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway having commenced in 1873.

From that time until his retirement he continued in the service of that road and grew to be one of its most trusted employes.

Mr. Mapes was born at Willoughby, Ohio, August 18, 1841, the youngest in a family of seven brothers and sisters and the last of them to die, the preceding death in the family having been that of his sister, Mrs. Katherine Alvord, of Peoria, Illinois, who passed away only a week before her brother's demise. Educated in the public schools of his native community, when his school days were finished he took up telegraphy, then a new vocation, which he made his life work. He was still a youth when he entered the service of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, and at various times held the position of telegrapher at Wakeman, Clyde and Bellevue, Ohio, and at the latter place was promoted to station agent. In 1873 he was transferred from Bellevue to Elyria, in the capacity of agent, where he continued until his retirement in December, 1903, he then being pensioned by the road in the service of which he had spent forty years of energetic, conscientious and capable work. Mr. Mapes was one of the old-time "knights of the key," his experiences having covered the era of the greatest development of the telegraph. He was known as a rapid operator and his messages could be depended upon absolutely. Among railroad men he was widely known and had many friends among the high officials of the road with which he was connected.

While at Bellevue, Mr. Mapes was raised a Mason, and continued to be actively interested in the work of that fraternity up to the time of his death. For three years prior to that event he had been secretary for the several branches of the order at Elyria, including King Solomon Lodge No. 56, and Marshall Chapter No. 47, and he was also recorder for Elyria Council No. 86, and a member of Elyria Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar, of which he was made a member April 13, 1905. He became a member of the Royal Arcanum at the time of its organization at Elyria. Mr. Mapes died March 29, 1907, and his funeral was in charge of the Masonic order and held at Masonic Temple. He was widely mourned, not only among his family and immediate friends, but among a wide acquaintance who knew him as a kindly, charitable man, and as a citizen who was always giving his support to some beneficial movement in the community.

On January 27, 1866, Mr. Mapes was married to Miss Mary Etta King, who survives him and resides at the old family home on Broad Street. One daughter was born to this union: Minnie Angeline, who is now the wife of Artemas Beebe, of Elyria, the daughter and son-in-law making their home with the mother at the old home which Mr. Mapes built many years ago.

Charles P. Edwards. When Charles P. Edwards came to Oberlin in 1882 he was an ambitious young man, possessing considerable skill and experience in the tin and metal working trade and as a plumber. For a number of years he went steadily ahead as an employe of different firms in the town, and in 1905 he borrowed some capital and started a business of his own. That he has done well is the general consensus of opinion in that community. He now furnishes perhaps the most reliable service in plumbing and tin and metal work in the community.

He was born at Seville, Medina County, Ohio, June 24, 1860. His parents were James D. and Ellen (Sickner) Edwards. His grandfather was Andrew Edwards, who was born at Paisley, Scotland, and emigrated to the United States about 1825, first settling in New York, and thence moving to Seville, Ohio, during the early '50s. He was a tanner and currier by trade, having served a thorough seven years apprenticeship in

those lines in Scotland. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Edwards was James Sickner, who was born in one of the New England states and for many years sailed the ocean as an able bodied seaman, and saw practically all the ports of the civilized world. On leaving the sea he came inland to Ohio, and there followed his trade of blacksmith. James D. Edwards, father of Charles P., was born in Watertown, New York, in 1836, while his wife was born at Strongsville, Ohio, in 1837, and died in 1897. They were married in Seville, Ohio, in 1858. James D. Edwards was a tinsmith for more than forty years in Seville, and he now lives at Jefferson and is still working at his trade. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As a republican he served as mayor of Seville a number of years and was also a member of the town council. During the Civil war he was one of the Ohio volunteers who aided in repelling Morgan's raids, while his brother John lost his life at the siege of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Reared in his native Village of Seville, Charles P. Edwards acquired a common school education, and when only a boy began working and learning the trade of tinsmith under his father. After his apprenticeship he became a journeyman, and while he is duly modest about his own accomplishment, his friends say that he has prospered by steady adherence to one line and by doing everything he undertakes well and thoroughly.

In 1881 he married Mary Freehold, of Cleveland. To their union were born four children: Arthur, who is in business with his father; Mrs. Stella Williams, of Elyria, whose husband is a motorman; Mrs. Fannie Rathwell, wife of a farmer in Lorain County; and Alma, who is employed in a local telephone office. The mother of these children died in 1893. In 1895 Mr. Edwards married Eliza Rathwell, who was born at Oberlin. There are also four children by this union: May Udora, Grace and Harley, all of them at home. Mr. Edwards is a member of the Baptist Church, and finds an outlet for his interests in fraternal work. He has passed the chairs of the subordinate lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security. In politics he is a republican, and is a factor in the municipal government of Oberlin, where he has served in the city council for the past four years.

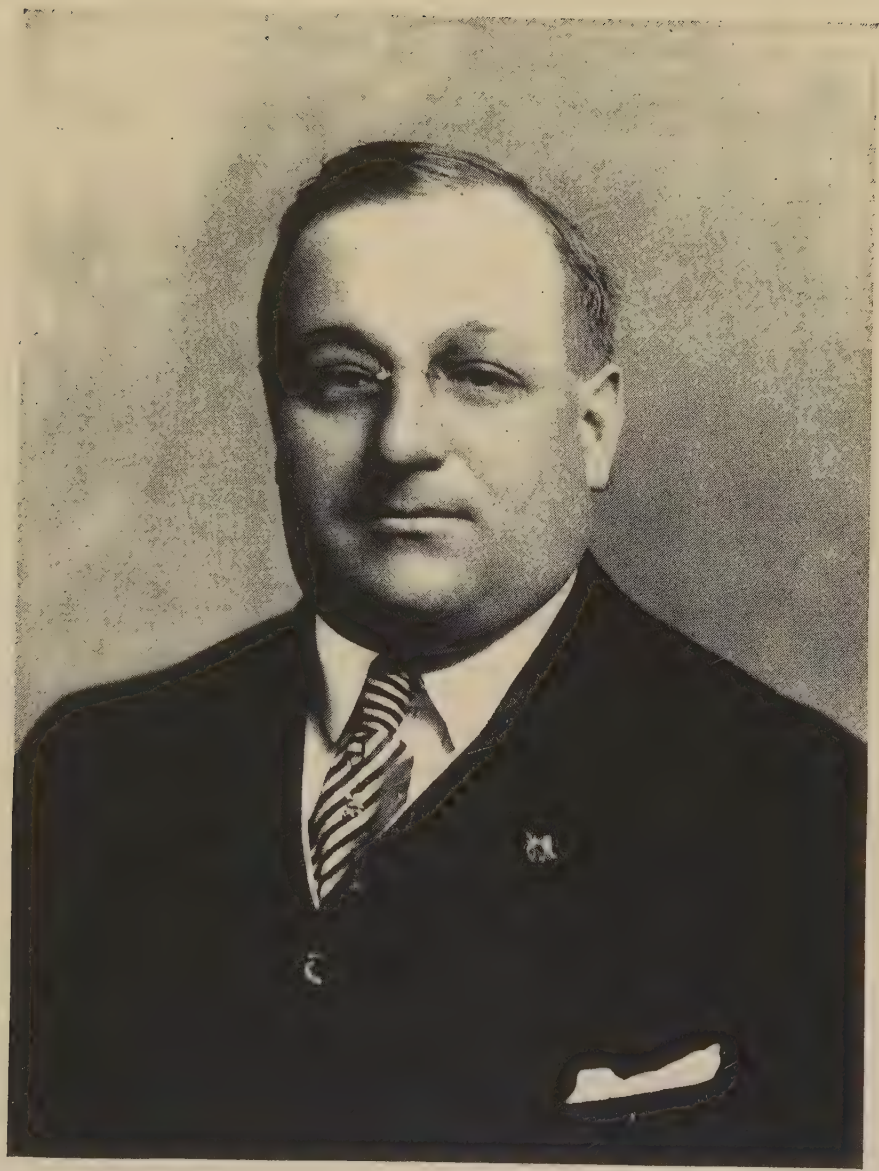
H. C. Otterbacher. For many years the name Otterbacher has been closely and successfully identified with business affairs at Wellington. The late John Martin Otterbacher, who died September 8, 1910, was in early life trained to the trade of harnessmaker, and he used that trade to build up and develop a business which made him prominent at Wellington.

The successor of his father in mercantile affairs at Wellington is H. C. Otterbacher, who was born at Wellington, September 6, 1879, a son of the late John Martin and Rosa L. (Fahrion) Otterbacher.

H. C. Otterbacher acquired his early education in the Wellington public schools, graduating from high school in 1897, and afterwards attending Oberlin Business College for one year. He then became his father's assistant in the harness business and has continued and expanded the business since his father's death. He now has a large and well equipped store and factory, keeps all supplies in the way of harness required by the trade, and keeps a large stock of buggies, wagons and farm implements. He is an ex-president of the Tri-State Vehicle and Implement Association and is at present a director in that organization.

On September 2, 1914, Mr. Otterbacher married Miss Phillipine Handiges of Cleveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Handiges.

Mr. Otterbacher is a prominent Mason, being senior warden of Wellington Lodge, No. 127, Free and Accepted Masons, and has taken his



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degrees in both the York and Scottish Rites, is a thirty-second degree Mason and is a member of Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland, Ohio. In politics he is a republican.

THOMAS T. WINCKLES. Now in the seventy-ninth year of his age, Thomas T. Winckles has had a truly noteworthy career, not in the abnormal sense of the term but in the sturdy accomplishment of duty, the fulfillment of obligations to home, friends and community, and a straightforward career, loving justice, practicing charity, and walking in the fear of God. Mr. Winckles has spent practically all the years of his life in Lorain County, and is now one of the grand old men among its native citizens.

Born on a farm in Avon Township, March 29, 1837, a son of Thomas T. and Ann (Buck) Winckles, both of whom were born in Northamptonshire, England, and were married there, emigrating to the United States early in 1836 and spending about a year in New York City. His father bought property in New York City but sold it on moving to Avon Township in Lorain County. They settled in this county the same year that Mr. Winckles was born and the elder Winckles spent his active career as a farmer. In 1845 he removed to Ridgeville, and built a fine estate in that section of the county. He had owned about ninety acres in Avon, and selling that bought fifty acres first in Ridgeville and later acquired more than 200 acres of wild land. His estate was finally reduced to 187 acres in Ridgeville, and for more than sixty years that has been in the possession of the Winckles family. The father lived in that community until his death at the age of forty-four, and his wife passed away at the age of fifty-one. The elder Thomas T. Winckles took an active part in local affairs, serving as a township trustee and justice of the peace at Ridgeville. In his family were seven children, three sons and four daughters. Elizabeth, who married Thomas Martin, died in Virginia; the second is Thomas T., Jr.; Cary H. was a graduate of Oberlin College, early enlisted in the army during the Civil war as a private, was promoted to orderly sergeant and finally to first lieutenant only a few days before his death, his fatal illness having overtaken him when near Covington, Kentucky, in 1863, while with the One Hundred and Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Sarah Jane died in childhood and all the other children died in infancy.

Thomas T. Winckles received most of his education in the Elyria public schools, with a few terms in Oberlin College. His school and home training well prepared him for the serious and practical duties of life, and he then took up farming on the old estate. He was only twenty years of age when his father died, and he continued to cultivate and manage the homestead until 1881, at which time he bought the property. This fine farm of 187 acres in Ridgeville is easily one of the best in Lorain County, and is now the property of his son Cary T. Winckles. Thomas T. Winckles owned and managed the farm up to 1900, since which year he has lived almost retired in Elyria. His home in Elyria comprises a substantial residence surrounded with four and a half acres of land and as it would be contrary to his nature to be idle, he finds employment in working his large garden. His home is at the corner of Cleveland Street and Winckles Street, the latter being named in his honor. He laid part of this street out, and the late Parks Foster continued the thoroughfare, and it is now one of considerable length.

During his residence in Ridgeville Mr. Winckles took an active part in civic and religious life. He was a trustee of the township for a number of years and since coming to Elyria served six years as a member of the city council, representing the first ward. In politics he is a repub-

lican. In the way of local improvements he had erected four residences on Winckles Street, and still owns three of these, which he rents. He is also interested as a stockholder in The Farm Implement Company at Elyria, of which his son Harvey T. Winckles, mentioned on other pages, is president and the active head. Mr. Winckles has long been prominent in the Congregational Church at Ridgeville, and up to a year ago served as one of its trustees, his service in that office beginning when he was only twenty years of age and at the time of the organization of the church and continuing for more than fifty-five years. He helped to build the first church home, and has been one of its main supporters, a work and interest in which his wife was equally zealous.

At the home of Thomas and Jane (Townshend) Hurst in Dover, Cuyahoga County, on January 16, 1861, Mr. Winckles married Miss Lucy A. Hurst. She was born in Dover, received her early schooling there and later attended Oberlin College. For more than fifty-four years Mr. and Mrs. Winckles have traveled life's highway together, and theirs has been a marriage ideal in its communion and its interests and accomplishments. A few years ago they celebrated with family and friends their golden wedding anniversary. Of the five children born to them three are still living. Arthur died when three years of age; Lillian is now Mrs. W. M. Barnes of Cleveland. Cary T. is president of The Elyria Construction Company and owns and operates as a dairy farm the old homestead in Ridgeville, as related on other pages. Lena died at the age of eighteen, being at that time a graduate of the Elyria high school. Harvey T. is president and general manager of The Farm Implement Company of Elyria and his career as a business man is recited on other pages. All these children received their early education in the Elyria public schools.

Perry G. Worcester. One of the best known carpenter contractors in Lorain County is Perry G. Worcester of Oberlin. Mr. Worcester as the basis of his business learned his trade thoroughly and skillfully, and during the past twenty or thirty years has employed his individual services and the organization which he has built up and maintained in the construction of some of the best homes, offices and other buildings in the county.

He comes of a very old American family, which originally came from England and settled in Massachusetts and Vermont, from which states the stock has spread to all parts of the Union. There were a number of the Worcesters who served in the rank and file in the patriot army during the Revolution, and one of them was colonel of a regiment.

It was fully seventy years ago that this branch of the Worcesters became identified with Lorain County. Grandfather Samuel Worcester, a native of Vermont, came to Lorain County in 1845, took up a tract of land and lived on it as a farm until his death. Perry G. Worcester was born in Lorain County on a farm May 1, 1863, a son of James M. and Adeline (Hill) Worcester. The father was born at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, in 1828 and the mother in Vermont in 1831. His father died in August, 1907, and his mother in June, 1895. James M. Worcester was about seventeen years of age when the family came to Oberlin, and he combined farming and work as a carpenter. He owned several farms in the county, and was quite successful, though he started in life with practically nothing. In the '40s and '50s he was an active abolitionist, and helped to keep up the underground railroad. He was a republican in politics, served as a member of the city council at Oberlin, as town trustee for a number of years and also as assessor. He was also a member of the Masonic order, while his wife was a Methodist. They were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom are living.

P. S. Worcester,

The ninth in order of birth, Perry G. Worcester completed his early education in the Oberlin High School. For the first twenty-one years of his life he lived almost entirely on the farm, and then learned the carpenter's trade and gradually developed his trade into a contracting business. It is said that he has contracted and built more of the first class homes in Oberlin than any other man. He has been in the business for twenty-one years, at Oberlin, and for four years he was located at Mentor, Ohio.

On February 27, 1889, Mr. Worcester married Emily Corning, daughter of Nelson and Adelia (Tyler) Corning. Her father was born in Mentor, Ohio, in 1831, and died in 1907, and her mother was born in New York State in 1832 and is still living at the age of eighty-four. Nelson Corning was a farmer by occupation and spent practically all the days of his life at Mentor. Mr. and Mrs. Worcester have four children: Nelson C., a farmer at Oberlin; Mills E., who is in the United States regular army; Emily A., who is still attending school at Oberlin; and Harriet Elizabeth, born September 16, 1900, and died February 5, 1905.

Mr. Worcester has for many years taken much interest in the Masonic order, and is affiliated with the Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Knight Templar and Commandery, is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to Alkoran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Cleveland, Ohio. He has served as junior warden of his lodge and is now generalissimo in the Knights Templar. In politics he is a republican.

Orlando T. Maynard, M. D. If there is one institution more than another of which the citizens of Lorain County are proud it is the Elyria Memorial Hospital, and it was a high tribute to the standing, ability and recognized qualificatons of Dr. Maynard as a physician and surgeon that he was chosen as the first president of the medical staff of that hospital when it was organized. He has continued a member of the staff ever since, and is also on the medical staff of the Nurses' Training School. Dr. Maynard is one of the older physicians of Elyria, where he has practiced more than a quarter of a century, and his entire record of service in that profession covers forty years.

Born at Ripley, Huron County, Ohio, September 14, 1851, he is a son of George C. and Polly (Woodward) Maynard. His father was born in New York State, February 18, 1821, and when a boy accompanied his parents to Huron County, where he became a substantial farmer, and died there June 29, 1897. The doctor's mother was also a native of New York State, born October 8, 1827, and when a girl was brought to Hancock County, Ohio, by her parents. She died in Huron County, August 12, 1903, on the same farm she came to as a bride fifty-three years before.

The first twenty-one years of his life Doctor Maynard largely spent on his father's farm in Huron County, attending in the meanwhile the public and select schools of that locality. Prior to his twenty-first birthday he taught school for two terms in Ripley, his native township, and taught another term later, just before entering medical college, and part of his expenses while studying medicine were defrayed from his earnings as a teacher. He began the study of medicine at North Fairfield, Ohio, and in 1875 was graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati. Since then, a period of forty years, he has been continuously in the practice of his profession. Few medical men in Lorain county have secured for themselves so generous an equipment and training in the various medical centers of the world. In 1884 Doctor Maynard grad-

uated from Western Reserve Medical School, and in 1886 was given a diploma by the New York Polyclinic. He has also traveled extensively abroad, spending four summers in hospitals in London, and has done post-graduate work in that city, in Berlin, Germany, and Dublin, Ireland. Doctor Maynard and his wife have made two trips to Egypt and the Holy Land, the first in 1906 and the second in 1912.

From 1875 to 1877, Doctor Maynard was assistant physician in the Hospital for the Insane at Toledo. His home has been in Elyria since 1887. He is a member of the Lorain County Medical Society, the Cleveland Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and is a trustee of the Elyria Public Library.

Doctor Maynard in politics has always endeavored to support the cleanest and best man who was candidate for office and where no difference has been apparent in their respective qualifications has usually supported the republican ticket. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, and has been a member of the Baptist Church since 1873. In 1877 in Amherst Township of Lorain County, Doctor Maynard married Mary E. Lyman, daughter of Charles Lyman.

Henry Oswald Wurmser. Architecture, the art which constructs either for beauty or utility, or combines both, is one of the oldest of the refining and civilizing agencies of man. While it has necessarily been regulated by natural conditions and configuration of the country in which it is exercised, the development of a modern palace, either for residence or business, step by step from the ancestral cave or tent, is one of the great and interesting romances of civilization.

Worthily in the front rank of this difficult and important profession, Henry Oswald Wurmser possesses a very large circle of professional and social friends. The mention of his name brings at once to mind Lorain's beautiful school buildings, which have been incidents in an immense field of labor successfully and honorably accomplished. Just as the names of some public and business men who have passed into the history of the county suggest their fulfillment of important enterprises, so also it is probable the name of Mr. Wurmser will be identified with the architectural and building interests of Ohio for many years to come.

Henry Oswald Wurmser was born at Findlay, county seat of Hancock County, Ohio, April 27, 1861, and is a son of Oswald and Mary (Alheile) Wurmser, who were born in France and came to the United States soon after they were married. As a boy Oswald Wurmser, Sr., adopted the building profession and followed it with success throughout the period of his active life, designing and erecting many of Findlay's most beautiful and imposing structures of the early days.

H. O. Wurmser's direction of study was mapped out for him early in his life, and his preparatory education for the professions of engineering and architecture, quite often united in that day, received most careful development and supervision from his father, under whose guidance he chiefly gained his preparatory education in his calling, beginning to learn its rudiments while still a student at the public schools. After some years of practice at Findlay in 1893 he came to Lorain, and from that time to the present his name has continued to be identified with the best work of his profession, which he has followed throughout the State of Ohio.

The labors which have brought this accomplished architect most prominently into public view have been probably in the line of public

school buildings. At Lorain he has erected all the public school buildings during the past twenty-one years with the exception of three. Among these are to be found the Oakwood Park School, a $40,000 structure, and the Lincoln School, located at Vine and East Thirty-first Street, the contract price for which was $60,000. This latter structure, built in 1913, two stories and basement, occupies ground dimensions 106 by 76 feet, with basement under all, and with an auditorium 31 by 76 feet. During his active career Mr. Wurmser has designed and built 1,224 buildings in Ohio, including among many others the Methodist Church at Elyria and the Reeves Hotel at New Philadelphia, Ohio, the latter costing $75,000.

Mr. Wurmser has various business connections outside of his calling, one of which is with the Parkside Automobile Company, of which he is vice president. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. In former years he took much interest in politics, having been a member of the Central Committee of Lorain, but recently the demands of his profession have been so heavy as to take his entire time and attention.

In 1884 Mr. Wurmser was married at Findlay, Ohio, to Miss Allie S. Woodley of that city. Four children have been born to their union. Frank J., who is now traffic manager for the National Stove Company of Lorain, married Jessie Rood, and they are the parents of one child, Joan. Roy G. and Cliffe L., twins, have also reached the stage of independent usefulness in their careers, and Roy is identified with the Parkside Automobile Company in the capacities of secretary and treasurer, while Cliffe is one of the popular and efficient teachers in the public schools of Lorain. The youngest child, Paul W., is a student in the Lorain High School.

Bert O. Durand. The oldest real estate and insurance business in Lorain County under the continuous management of members of one family was established at Oberlin in 1865, the same year as that in which occurred the birth of Bert O. Durand, who is now head of this old and reliable business, which has recently completed a record of fifty years.

The business was established by the late William B. Durand, who was born in Ohio in 1839 and died at Oberlin in 1909. He followed the work of an educator for several years, but in 1865 opened his office as an insurance and real estate man at Oberlin, and developed a very extensive business, though he had gone into the work with practically nothing. He was also prominent in local affairs. During the Civil war he spent two years with an Ohio regiment until stricken with brain fever and taken from the army to the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee. William B. Durand was the son of Henry Durand, who was born in Bedford, Connecticut, and was an early settler on a farm in Erie County, Ohio. William B. Durand served as township clerk at Oberlin for twenty-eight years, and was a member of the school board eight years. He was a republican and was affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, and for thirty-five years was superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School and very active in the church itself. His wife belonged to the First Congregational Church. William B. Durand was married at Grafton, Ohio, in 1861, to Hannah Breckenridge, who was born at Grafton in 1842, and died in 1914. Her father, Benjamin Breckenridge, was a native of Illinois and moved to Ohio, following farming near Grafton.

Bert O. Durand, the only son of his parents, was born at Oberlin October 30, 1866. He was liberally educated, graduated from Oberlin College in 1890, and soon afterwards entered business with his father. A little later his father went on the road in the interests of business

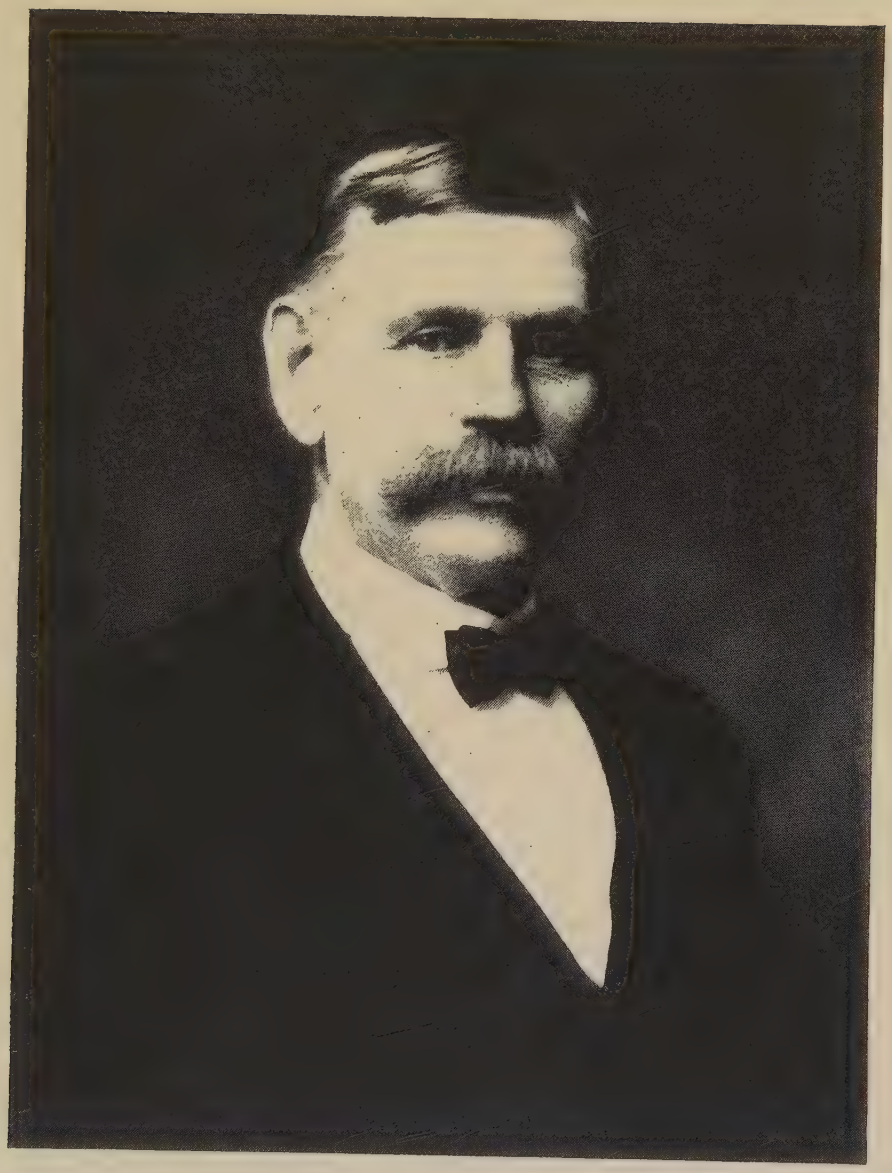
and turned the management of the home office over to his son. Mr. Durand is now one of the leading representatives of the general insurance and real estate field in Lorain County, and his business connections also extend to Cuyahoga County.

In 1889 he married Lillian B. Burgess, of Norwalk, Ohio. They have two children: William Breckenridge, who is attending high school; and Corinne, in the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College. The family are members of the First Congregational Church. Mr. Durand is a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and has filled the various chairs in the lodge of Masons. In politics he is a republican. For sixteen years he filled the office of township clerk at Oberlin, and was chief of the local fire department for eight years.

Charles E. Wilson. From a successful career as a farmer in Avon Township, Charles E. Wilson graduated into a position of business and public leadership at Elyria. Mr. Wilson is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, has spent most of his life in Lorain County, has served with credit in public office, and among other important relations which he sustains toward business is chairman of the board of directors of the Lorain County Savings & Trust Company, one of the largest and solidest banking institutions of Northern Ohio.

Charles E. Wilson was born in Avon Township, Lorain County, Ohio, August 26, 1840, a son of William and Elvira (Clisbee) Wilson. The father was born in Northamptonshire, England, in 1812, and came to the United States at the age of eighteen with his father, William. William, Sr., was twice married, and his first wife died in England and his second in Avon Township. After living in Cleveland, Ohio, for a few years William Wilson, Jr., was married in that city to Miss Elvira Clisbee, and in 1839 they removed to Avon Township, Lorain County, settling on a tract of land which at that time was covered by woods. He died there January 19, 1860, at the age of forty-seven years two months and nine days. In politics he was a democrat, and a member of the Baptist Church. His wife, who was of New England stock, lived to be eighty-five years of age and passed away at Tabor, Iowa, May 25, 1904. In 1867, after the marriage of her son Charles, she and three of her children went to Cassopolis, Michigan, lived in that state about three years, and then went West to Tabor, Iowa, where she spent the rest of her years. Mrs. Wilson in Iowa took a very prominent part in church work, was a devoted Baptist, and was especially known for her kindness and helpfulness in times of sickness and need. She was laid to rest at Tabor. In the family were six children, three boys and three girls, of which two sons and one daughter are still living: Charles E., who is the oldest of the family; Nancy, wife of N. S. Phelps, living on a farm near Glenwood, Iowa; Louis E., of Tarkio, Atchison County, Missouri; Anna, wife of J. S. Graves of Tabor, Iowa, died there leaving one son, Thaddeus L., who after the death of his mother was brought to Lorain County by his uncle, Charles E. Wilson, was reared and graduated from the Elyria schools and is now married and lives in Portland, Oregon; Willis S., who died at the age of twenty-three in Tabor, Iowa, where he is buried; and Alice, who died and was buried at Tabor, Iowa. All these children were born in Avon Township, Lorain County.

Charles E. Wilson had the stimulating environment of the partly developed farm during his early youth, and when the occasion and opportunity were given attended the common schools of Avon Township. He afterwards had one term of instruction in Oberlin College. He had just reached manhood when the war broke out, but did not enlist until 1864, when he left the heavy responsibilities of the home and enlisted



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in Company H of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery, which was in service chiefly in Eastern Tennessee. He remained with the army until after the close of the war, and was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, in June, 1865. After the surrender of Lee he returned home, and in the fall of the same year drove a team to Iowa, and spent one year on a farm in that state. Returning to Lorain County, he was married, and located on the old homestead, which for several years he rented, and later bought. Mr. Wilson was an active and progressive farmer in Avon Township until 1886, and now for almost thirty years has been a resident of the City of Elyria. In public affairs he has always been an influential factor, and his chief service was as county commissioner, a position he held for six years and ten months, two terms of three years each, after which he served an appointive term of ten months.

Mr. Wilson has long been active in financial affairs at Elyria, and was formerly a stockholder in the Elyria Savings Deposit Company. With the organization of the Lorain County Banking Company, he sold his stock in the former institution and became one of the original stockholders of the new company, and on the 15th of November, 1915, the bank was reorganized as the Lorain County Savings & Trust Company and its capital stock increased. He has been one of the directors for a number of years, and is now chairman of the board. The Lorain County Savings & Trust Company has capital stock of $150,000, and surplus and undivided profits of nearly $115,000. The total resources according to a statement made in the spring of 1915 aggregated over $2,000,000. Probably the item in this statement which most accurately indicates the high standing of the bank in Northern Ohio is that showing the deposits, which at the time aggregated over $2,000,000. The executive officers of the banking company are: Arthur B. Taylor, president; Richard D. Perry, vice president; Louis B. Fauver, second vice president; Alvin J. Plocher, secretary; Herbert A. Daniels, treasurer; Aloysius M. Thome, assistant treasurer. The board of directors comprise a number of the best known business men and citizens of Lorain County.

In addition to his responsibilities as chairman of the board of directors of the Lorain County Savings & Trust Company Mr. Wilson is a stockholder in various enterprises in Elyria and elsewhere, including the Cleveland, Columbus and Southwestern Electric Railway. He is president of the Masonic Temple Building Company of Elyria. He is a member of Richard Allen Post, G. A. R., of Elyria; of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; and of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. While not a member of any church, he is a regular attendant and supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Society of Elyria, where his wife has an active membership. Among other public services he has been a member of the Elyria city council, and in politics is a republican on national issues.

In Avon Township, on April 16, 1867, Mr. Wilson married Miss Elzina Lucas. She became his wife when he was still struggling to get a start as a young farmer, and they have traveled life's highway together, sharing and dividing each other's joys and sorrows for nearly half a century. To their marriage were born two daughters. Mrs. Alice E. Edwards, the only one now living, resides at the Wilson home in Elyria, and her daughter, Miss Alice W. Edwards, after graduating from the Elyria High School in the class of 1914 entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. The other daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson was named Grace, and died at the age of sixteen years. The daughter, Mrs. Edwards, and her daughter, are members of the Congregational Church at Elyria.

ALBERT Z. TILLOTSON. While most lawyers of Lorain County have their homes in Elyria, one of the able representatives of the profession is Albert Z. Tillotson, of Oberlin. Mr. Tillotson has a very large private practice, and his position is such that it is evident he made no mistake when he returned from his career as a school man, which he had followed for a number of years, to the law.

Born at Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio, August 2, 1867, he is a son of Zadock and Emily M. (Metcalf) Tillotson. Both parents were natives of Ohio, his father born in Brunswick in 1835 and his mother in Liverpool in 1843. They were married in Liverpool, Ohio, in 1860 and the father died after a long career as a farmer in May, 1913, at the home of his only son and child, Albert Z., in Oberlin. The mother died in 1898. The latter was a member of the Baptist Church while the father was a Methodist, was a republican in politics and was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Albert Z. Tillotson finished his education in the Oberlin Business College, and had also attended a select school at Brunswick. His work as a teacher was continued through sixteen terms, and in the meantime he had taken up the study of law under his uncle, C. A. Metcalf, and after his admission to the bar practiced with his uncle at Oberlin and Elyria for five years. Since then he has been alone in practice and has handled cases before all the courts of the state and the Federal district.

In politics he is a republican and an active party man in his section of Lorain County. He has served as justice of the peace, and was elected police judge of Oberlin, being one of the youngest men honored with that office. He has also been a candidate for nomination as probate judge.

In 1888 Mr. Tillotson married Emily C. Felakins. She was born in Sullivan, Ashland County, Ohio, daughter of George Felakins, a farmer and early settler there. Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson have a fine family of eight children: Roy E., who is now a senior in Oberlin College; Jessie, a teacher in the public schools; Mary E., a teacher at Penfield; Frances E., who is employed in Cleveland, Ohio; Ruth Marie, Esther M., Ruby Lou and Rose Elaine, all at home.

Mr. Tillotson is a member of the Baptist Church, is a Mason, having served as senior deacon in his lodge, has passed all the chairs of local lodge of Royal Arcanum, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

GEORGE L. WELLER. Lorain County has produced a few men whose work has been notable in the realm of invention, and one of these is George L. Weller, who for many years was superintendent of the Elyria waterworks, and is now engineer of the steam plant in the Great National Tube Company's works at Lorain. Mr. Weller has from an early age manifested great skill, both in handling and in perfecting mechanical apparatus and at different times has given to the industrial world a number of devices which have served to lighten and cheapen the labor and time involved in the older methods of performing a given piece of work.

Elyria has been the home of Mr. Weller practically all his life. He was born there March 24, 1864, a son of John and Mary (McCollum) Weller. His father died in 1890 at the age of fifty-seven. The old Weller homestead is just north of the city. There George L. Weller grew to manhood, gained his early education in the public schools of Elyria, was also a student in Oberlin College for a time, and then attended that old and substantial institution for business training, the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. His father was a stone mason, and

from him he learned the same profession and that furnished him his chief means of livelihood until 1890. In the meantime, in 1889, he was appointed superintendent of the Elyria waterworks, and held that office consecutively for more than twenty years, until 1912. During the reconstruction of the waterworks after municipal ownership had been decided upon and while the pumping station was being constructed on the shores of Lake Erie, he did much work of the nature of civil engineering, and after having seen the new plant installed and in successful operation he resigned in 1912, and then went with The National Tube Company at Lorain. There he has charge of everything in that big plant that runs by steam power. The steam boilers generate altogether about a quarter million horse-power, and Mr. Weller is the capable man who has the responsibility of keeping up to the highest point of efficiency all of this power making plant.

Out of the originating genius of his own mind and his long experience in handling machinery, Mr. Weller designed the filters and the filtering process now for a number of years used in the Elyria waterworks. The value of this invention can be best told in terms of cost. When he became superintendent the company paid about nine dollars per million gallons for the filtering of water, but his new process reduced that cost to 50 cents a million gallons. In 1912 Mr. Weller secured patents both in the United States and in Canada for what is known as the Weller Water Meter. Another of his inventions is a channeling machine, used in stone quarrying, and this machine was one of the principal products manufactured by the Weller Engineering Company for a number of years. He has also invented and patented a number of other implements and processes used in stone quarries.

He is one of the prominent members of the Lorain County Engineering Club, whose membership includes electrical, mechanical and steam engineers residing in this county. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and belongs to The Elyria Chamber of Commerce and in politics is a republican. Mr. Weller was married July 19, 1893, to Miss Ida Alma Black of Vermilion, Ohio, daughter of John and Mary Black. They are the parents of two children: Jay C., who graduated from the Elyria high school in the class of 1912, and is now a student in Oberlin College; and Vileda, who is a member of the graduating class of 1917 in the Elyria high school.

Albert V. Hageman. A native son of Lorain, Albert V. Hageman has passed his entire career in this city, among whose business men by his learning, industry, ability and character he holds a high place, while he is no less valued in the community as a liberal-minded and enterprising citizen. During his business life here, Mr. Hageman's hands have taken hold of incipient enterprises and have guided them to success; he has been honored by his associates with election to positions of trust not because of his self-seeking or importunity, but because such positions seek one who has shown rare intelligence and fidelity in the management of his own affairs.

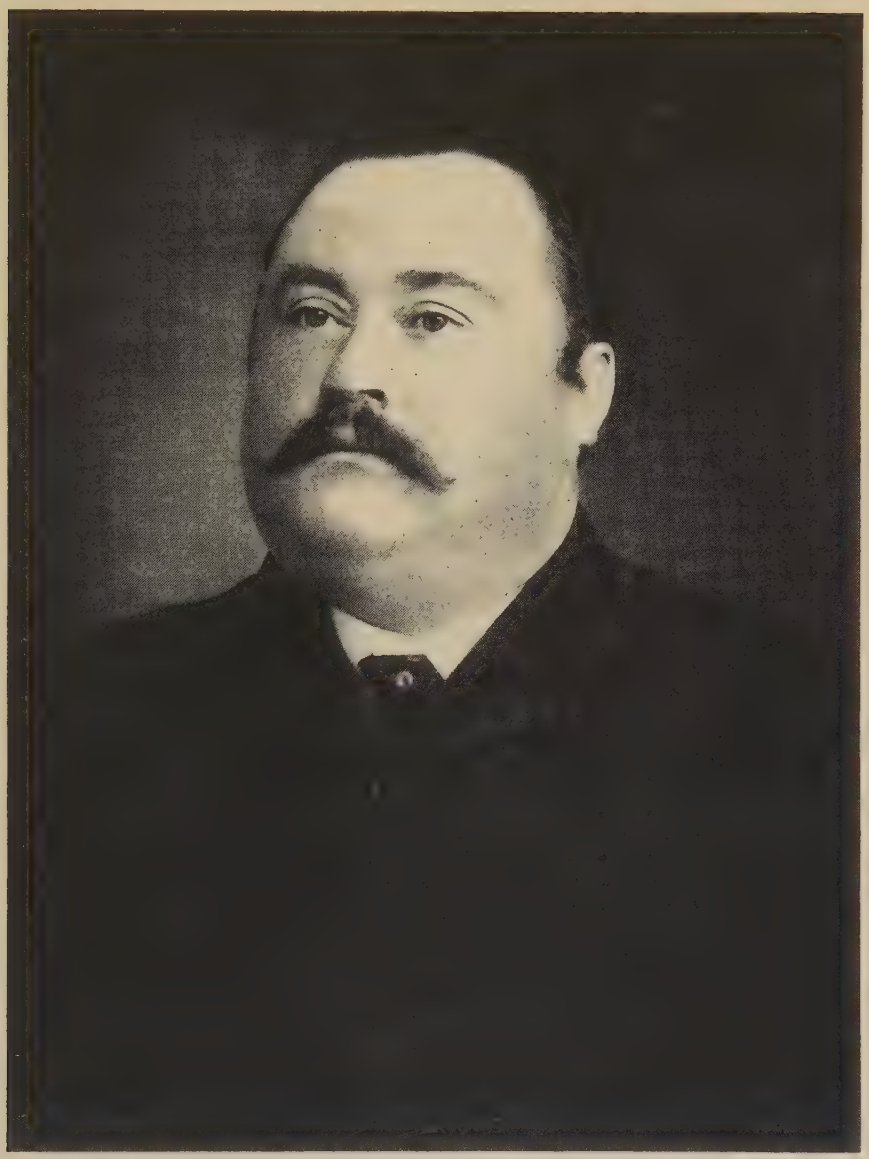
Mr. Hageman was born at Lorain, October 12, 1871, and is a son of Conrad and Catherine (Claus) Hageman, natives of Germany, the father having come to this country in 1845 and settled in Ohio, where his subsequent career was passed in farming in the vicinity of Lorain. After attending the public schools of Lorain, Albert V. Hageman entered a commercial college at Oberlin, Ohio, where he completed a business course. His first position was that of bookkeeper for the Amherst Stone Quarries, where he remained three years, subsequently becoming clerk in the Lorain Savings and Banking Company, in October, 1894. In

1901 he was made secretary and treasurer of this institution, positions which he held until it was sold to the Cleveland Trust Company, in 1905, when Mr. Hageman was made manager of the new ownership and held that position until October, 1907. In 1897 he had been elected treasurer and general manager of the Black River Phone Company, which under his direction has grown and developed rapidly and now has 3,600 subscribers. Various other positions have been and are held by Mr. Hageman. He is president of the Amherst Home Telephone Company; was one of the organizers of the Cleveland Life Insurance Company, of which he served as a director two years and then resigned; was formerly a member of the advisory board of the Cleveland Trust Company; was one of the purchasers of the Hoffman Heater Company when that company had failed, and assisted in bringing it to success, when he sold out his interests, in 1911; is a director of the Citizens Home and Savings Association and a member of the finance committee of that enterprise, and was one of the organizers of the Wickens Company. He has shown his faith in the future of Lorain and its industries by investing his means in realty and other holdings, and for some years has been the medium through which some large and important real estate transactions have been carried through. As a city servant he has ever been ready to do his full share toward advancing the community's welfare, and in 1915 his abilities were recognized by his appointment to the position of trustee of the Lorain Sinking Fund. He belongs to the Cleveland Athletic Club and is also well and favorably known in fraternal circles, being a Knight Templar and Shriner in Masonry, and a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Improved Order of Red Men. With his wife, he belongs to the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, at Lorain, in which he is serving as vestryman. Mrs. Hageman was formerly Eleanor M. Cunningham, of Clyde, Ohio.

George P. Walton. It is not every man who can leave, when called from earth prematurely, a successful and growing concern to his family. The Walton Ice Company at Elyria, regarded as one of the important institutions in the commercial district, is a monument to the energy and integrity of the late George P. Walton, and it is still carried on as a prosperous concern under the direct management of his family. While Mr. Walton deserves great credit for building up this flourishing enterprise, he is remembered not only for what he did in a material way but also for the genial personality, the kindly nature, and the public-spirited citizenship which were dominant qualities in his character all his life.

There was one locality in the City of Elyria with which George P. Walton's career was identified more than any other. This was the place of his birth, and in a house which is now the family homestead and he himself assisted to construct, located on the same site, he passed away. The Walton home is at 671 East River Street. There George P. Walton was born October 31, 1859, and he died January 4, 1912, when a little past fifty-two years of age. His parents, John and Catherine (Garrety) Walton were early settlers of Elyria, having established their home there in 1844. They came to Lorain County from Vineland, New Jersey, but John Walton was born in Northamptonshire, England, and his wife in Dublin, Ireland. Mrs. Catherine Walton died in Elyria thirteen years after the birth of her son George. John Walton was a brickmaker, worked at that trade for a number of years, but late in life became paralyzed and was helpless for several years before his death, which occurred in April, 1897. In the family were three sons and two daughters, all of them now deceased.

In the environment which he knew from early childhood until the



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close of his life, George P. Walton was reared, gained his education at Elyria, and when still a boy learned the butcher's trade from the late John Savage. He was employed in that line until 1893, and then took up the ice business. For a number of years he handled the natural product, and got his supply from Black River which in years gone by was the scene of ice cutting and gathering in all this section of Northern Ohio. He also operated a cider press at Coon's Mill, thus making his ice gathering operations and cider making furnish alternate employment for the different seasons of the year. In the spring of 1911, about a year before he died, Mr. Walton erected an artificial ice plant on Winckles Street, and had the plant in full running order before his death. The immediate cause of his death was an injury to the foot occasioned by the falling of an iron bar at the ice plant, from which injury blood poison developed, and after an illness of six weeks he passed away. Mr. Walton had a host of friends not only in Elyria but in all the surrounding country, and enjoyed success because of the fact that he was master of his business. Personally he was extremely popular, and the estimation in which he was held was well stated in the words expressed at the time of his death that "he was a big hearted, jolly, good natured man that it was a pleasure to meet." While always busy and doing something that was worth while, he was devoted to his home and family, and outside of business hours could usually be found within the family circle.

As already stated, The Walton Ice Company is a family business, and the oldest child, Miss Florence M. Walton, has shown herself to be a splendid business woman and has assumed many of the responsibilities connected with the business since her father's death. Prior to that time she had kept the books of the company and thus acquired a considerable knowledge of its affairs. The artificial ice plant on Winckles Street has a daily capacity of fifteen tons of ice, and the ice is manufactured from distilled water. There is also storage space for 1,500 tons, and in 1915 the company erected a cold storage plant which furnishes facilities for the storage of fruit, eggs and butter. The company operates a number of wagons for supplying the local and family trade and the business is making rapid progress each year.

Before his death George P. Walton was a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. His family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Elyria. At St. Mary's Church on May 17, 1882, he and Miss Elizabeth C. Neipfoot were married. She was born on Sugar Ridge in Elyria Township, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Meyer) Neipfoot. Her mother was born in Germany, coming to this country with her parents when she was eleven years of age. The father was born in Saxony, Germany, came over when about twenty-six, was a cabinet maker for a number of years, but subsequently bought a farm on Sugar Ridge and looked after its operations the rest of his active life. The mother died on that farm December 10, 1894, and the father subsequently lived in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walton, at Elyria, until his death, December 6, 1896, at the age of seventy-seven. Mrs. Walton was educated in St. Mary's Parochial School in Elyria.

Mrs. Walton's five children are Florence M., Roland H., Charles F., Karl P. and Elmer W. All were born in the comfortable brick house at 671 East River Street, in which their father died. George P. Walton and his father and another man burnt the brick for the construction of this old residence. The children all attended St. Mary's Parochial School until they were about twelve years of age, and later continued their education in the public schools. Elmer, the youngest, is a member of the class of 1916 in the Elyria High School and is a capable young student,

showing a high average in all his classes. All the children have been brought up with more or less familiarity with their father's business, taking an active part in its affairs, and its success and continued prosperity are largely due to the harmonious workings of the members of the Walton family. The son Roland H. is now the active manager of the company. He is affiliated with Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Elyria Lodge No. 431 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Elyria Lodge No. 778 of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of St. John and the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. The son Karl P. is also affiliated with the Elyria Lodge of Elks. The Walton Ice Company as a business institution has membership in the Elyria Automobile Club.

ANDREW W. DAVIDSON. In the rural districts the honors of politics are usually better bestowed on the basis of merit and qualifications than in the large city communities. At the present time the trustee of Camden Township is Andrew W. Davidson, who was first elected to that office in the fall of 1913 and was re-elected in 1915. Mr. Davidson has for years been recognized as one of the most substantial citizens in the Kipton community and is a man in whom his fellows place implicit confidence both for what he has done and for what he is.

He was born in Russia Township of Lorain County, September 28, 1869, a son of Andrew and Martha (Edgar) Davidson. His father is the venerable Andrew Davidson, and the name of Davidson has for more than half a century been linked with the sterling qualities of industry and integrity in Lorain County.

Andrew W. Davidson grew up on his father's farm in Camden Township, acquired an education in the local schools, and started out when quite young to make his own way in the world. With the sturdy discipline of the farm, he was able to fit in usefully in any employment to which he turned his hand. For seven and a half years he was in the butcher business at Kipton, and in 1902 bought a farm of eighty-eight acres, which has since been the principal object of his energy and ambition. He subsequently added fifty acres to his first purchase, but having sold twenty-five acres his estate now consists of 113 acres. In many ways he has improved his land, and for a number of years has conducted a small dairy, shipping considerable milk to the city centers.

As a result of his growing prosperity Mr. Davidson was able in 1910 to put up a comfortable and commodious two-story frame house, and by home advantages and otherwise he has provided liberally for his family. He also put down a well on his land and has a sufficient supply of gas for domestic uses. In October, 1899, Mr. Davidson married Miss Elizabeth Geist. Her father, Adam Geist, was a native of Germany and when quite young came to Camden Township but is now living retired at Kipton. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have four children: Mildred A., Earl E., Florence E., and Melvin Howard, all of whom are at home and are getting their education in the Kipton schools. Mrs. Davidson is a member of the Disciples Church at Kipton. In politics Mr. Davidson has always affiliated with the democratic party.

V. ADAIR, M. D. It is as a very capable and skillful physician and surgeon that Doctor Adair has contributed his best known and most useful services to the City of Lorain, where he established his home and office after an unusually thorough training for his life vocation.

A native of Ohio, he was born at Winterset, December 1, 1882, a son of P. M. and Letitia A. (Johnston) Adair. His father was a farmer

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and stock raiser, and the son grew up on a farm, attended country schools, finishing his literary training in the Muskingum College, and soon afterward entering the Starling Medical College at Columbus, where he was graduated with the degree M. D. in 1906. Doctor Adair before coming to Lorain had unusual opportunity for experience by the four years passed as assistant physician in the Massillon State Hospital. From there he came to Lorain, December 1, 1910, and has since enjoyed a very fine practice, and his capabilities were recognized in his appointment in May, 1914, as health officer for the City of Lorain. He is a member of the Lorain County and Ohio State Medical societies and the American Medical Association.

Fraternally Doctor Adair is identified with the Masonic order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On October 8, 1913, he married Miss Mabel MacRae of West Bay, Novo Scotia, Canada.

Hon. Laertes B. Smith. The distinction gained by the late Judge Smith during his long career as a lawyer and man of affairs comprise an important addition to the many worthy associations of the name in Lorain County. His was one of the first families to make permanent homes in this section of Northern Ohio. The year 1914 was the centennial of the Smith family residence in this county, and it is due to the varied achievements of the family during the century as well as to the individual attainments of the late Judge Smith that the following brief history is offered for permanent record.

This branch of the Smiths was long identified with New England and was of Puritan stock. The founder of the name in the wilds of Lorain County was Chiliab Smith, grandfather of the late Judge Smith. He was born in the colony of Connecticut, November 11, 1765, and died in 1840, his boyhood having been spent in the midst of the Revolutionary war. For a number of years his home was in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, where he married Nancy Marshall, who was born January 19, 1765, and died December 5, 1824. In 1814, toward the close of the second war with England, they set out with their family for the old Western Reserve of Ohio. Wagons drawn by oxen conveyed them by tedious stages to the present site of Elyria, and from there they were five days in cutting a road through the heavy forest to their permanent place of settlement, where they arrived October 16, 1814. Their home was included in the territory which in April, 1817, was organized as Amherst Township. The land came into the Smith possession through a trade of eastern property with the Connecticut Land Company. Chiliab Smith was a tailor, and while looking after the work involved in clearing up a new tract of land he also gave his services to such of the pioneer families as required his skill in the cutting and fashioning of the homespun garments then almost universally worn. He was also an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the absence of regular preachers or missionaries he held many meetings in his neighborhood and frequently the Smith home was the scene of a gathering for prayer and the reading of the gospel. When old age came upon him, grandfather Smith turned his farm over to his children, who also inherited the good name of one of the finest pioneer characters in Amherst Township. The Smith homestead was located on Little Beaver Creek, four miles west of the present City of Elyria, and the home was also employed for purposes as an inn, and was the first tavern in that locality.

In the next generation was David Smith, who was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, March 20, 1797, and was a growing youth of seventeen when the family moved to Lorain County. In 1824 he mar-

ried Miss Fannie Barnes. She was born in Berkshire County, December 23, 1802. To their union were born nine children, six of whom reached maturity. David Smith was a man who lived at peace with his neighbors and accomplished a great deal in his quiet way. In politics he was a democrat. He died April 30, 1861. His wife survived until August, 1888. She was of the Presbyterian faith, and attended the congregation at Elyria until 1840.

The third in his father's family, Laertes B. Smith was born in Amherst Township of Lorain County, September 21, 1828, and was sixty-nine when he died at Elyria, May 12, 1897. Though a lawyer for many years, his early experiences were all of the farm and mechanical trades. Educated in the common schools of his native township, he left the farm at twenty-one to learn the trade of harness-maker, which he followed for several years as his chief means of livelihood. At twenty-five he accepted employment in a hardware store at LaPorte, Indiana, and lived there about five years. His commercial experience had not entirely satisfied him, and on returning to Lorain County in 1858 he began to prosecute his law studies as vigorously as circumstances would permit. The firm with which he studied was Vincent & Sheldon in Elyria. Admitted to the bar in 1860, he began his practice with the same firm. During the following year Mr. Vincent retired, leaving Sheldon and Smith together, but soon after the outbreak of the war the former went into the army. The next year he formed a partnership with Judge W. W. Boynton, the venerable lawyer and jurist, who remains as one of the oldest figures in the Lorain County bar. They were in practice together about four years.

In June, 1871, Mr. Smith was appointed probate judge of Lorain County to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John W. Steele, and by subsequent elections his services were continued in that capacity until February, 1882, more than eleven years. It was often remarked that the widow and orphan had a firm and just friend as long as Judge Smith was on the probate bench. For the greater part of his remaining years Judge Smith performed the duties of justice of the peace in addition to his private law practice. He was not only well known but had hosts of warm friends throughout the county.

His marriage occurred December 26, 1871. Mrs. Smith, who is still living in Elyria, bore the maiden name of Margaret Smyth. She was formerly from Ontario County, New York. To their marriage were born seven children, four of whom are still living: Mrs. S. H. Squire, of Elyria; Mrs. A. B. Taylor, of Elyria; Frank C., who is now city editor of the Elyria Evening Telegram; Mrs. Frank T. Horan, of Elyria. Leroy B. died in 1907 in New Mexico. In politics the late Judge Smith was a democrat until Civil war times, after which he was firmly allied with the republicans.

Wesley L. Grills. Another of the native sons of Lorain County who is doing much toward upholding the high standard of the bar of the county and who is one of the representative young members of his profession in the City of Lorain, is he whose name introduces this review and who has here built up an excellent general practice. In numerous litigated cases of important order, in both criminal and civil departments of practice, he has tested and proved his power as a resourceful and efficient trial lawyer, and as a counselor he has shown himself well fortified. He subordinates all other interests to the demands of his profession and continues a close and appreciative student of the involved science of jurisprudence.

On his father's well-improved homestead farm, in Carlisle Township,

Wesley L. Grills

Lorain County, Mr. Grills was born on the 6th of February, 1885, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Grant) Grills, who still maintain their home on the farm and who are well known and highly honored citizens of this section of the state. In the public schools of the City of Elyria Mr. Grills pursued his youthful studies until he had completed the curriculum of the high school, and thereafter he attended the literary department of the great University of Chicago for four years. In preparation for the profession in which he has achieved marked success and prestige, he entered the law department of Western Reserve University, in the City of Cleveland, where he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class in 1911, his admission to the bar of his native state being virtually coincident with his reception of the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

In June, 1911, he opened an office in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, and there remained until June, 1913, when he opened an office in the City of Lorain, where his ability, close application and personal popularity caused his professional novitiate to be of brief duration, as he soon developed a substantial practice, to which he has since continued to give his close attention, with a clientage of representative order. He is a member of the Lorain County Bar Association, is a republican in his political allegiance, is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has received the chivalric degrees, a member of Lorain Commandery, Knights Templars. He holds membership also in the local organizations of the Knights of Pythias and other fraternal organizations, and is affiliated with the Phi Alpha Delta college fraternity.

On the 18th of October, 1911, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Grills to Miss Virginia Morehouse, of Elyria, she likewise being a native of Lorain County, where she was reared and educated, and their only child is a winsome little daughter, Ida Virginia.

Rev. Samuel L. Stewart, D. D. On other pages of this work will be found an interesting article on "Methodism in Elyria," the author of which is Dr. Stewart, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Elyria. Dr. Stewart has spent nearly twenty years in the active ministry of the Methodist Church in Ohio, and is well known not only for his power and influence as a preacher, but also as one of the able constructive workers in church development.

Samuel Lemen Stewart was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, November 24, 1870. His father, Robert Stewart, spent his life in Guernsey County as a farmer, and also saw active service during the Civil war in the Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The mother, whose maiden name was Emiline Ferguson, has also been a resident of Guernsey County most of her life.

It was the public schools of Guernsey County that gave Doctor Stewart his early education, and from those he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where his work gained him several degrees. He was graduated A. B. in 1894, received the Master of Arts degree in 1896, and his alma mater conferred upon him the degree Doctor of Divinity in 1913. In 1896 Doctor Stewart was graduated S. T. B. from the Boston University School of Theology, and immediately after graduation joined the North Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a member of the North Ohio Conference until it was merged with the East Ohio Conference, making the Northeast Ohio Conference the largest body under conference organization in all Methodism. In the course of his active ministry Doctor Stewart has held pastorates at Chicago Junction, Clyde, and for six years before taking the pastorate of the First Methodist Church of

Elyria in September, 1911, was pastor of the First Methodist Church at Mansfield. While at Mansfield his successful work was signalized by the erection of a church edifice costing $85,000. Doctor Stewart has been an active member of the church since 1882.

On September 2, 1896, at West Lafayette, Ohio, he married Miss Margaret Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rogers, lifelong residents of Coshocton County. Her mother's father was Judge James Burt, one of the early settlers of Coshocton County. Mrs. Stewart is also descended from Morris Fought, who was a soldier in the American Revolution. To their marriage have been born four children: Ruth Evangeline, Paul Rogers, Mildred Margaret, and James Robert Stewart.

Robert George Anderson, M. D. In 1915 Doctor Anderson concluded his twentieth year of consecutive practice as a physician and surgeon at Elyria. There is abundant testimony of his ability and standing as a physician in his large private practice, his influential associations with the local profession, and the general esteem paid him as a man and citizen.

Though Elyria has been the scene of all his work and experience as a professional man, Doctor Anderson was born on a farm in the Province of Ontario, Canada, May 25, 1868, and lived in Canada until coming to Elyria. His parents, Archibald and Mary (Burns) Anderson were Protestant people from the north of Ireland, came with their respective families to America, and Archibald Anderson cleared away the forest from a tract of land and developed a good farm home in Ontario, where he lived many years and died at the age of seventy-eight in July, 1895.

It was on this farm that Doctor Anderson spent his boyhood, acquiring the equivalent of a high school education, and after some varied experience in paying his own way finally entered Trinity Medical College, now the Toronto Medical College, where he was graduated in 1895. A few months later he was in Elyria and began practice on the West Side. For twenty years now he has given his professional service to a widening circle of patrons and has also been actively identified with The Elyria Memorial Hospital as a member of its medical staff since it was opened.

Doctor Anderson is a member of The Lorain County Medical Society, The Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and in Masonry is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons. He married Miss Laura E. Ferguson, who was born in Toronto, Canada. Their children are Eva Louise and George Bertram.

Mark A. Whitney. Representing one of the oldest and most substantial family names of Pittsfield Township, Mark A. Whitney was for many years a prosperous farmer in that locality of Lorain County, and is now engaged in the grain business at Oberlin.

He was born on a farm in Pittsfield Township November 22, 1869, a son of Mark and Cordelia K. (Gifford) Whitney. The grandfather, Joseph Whitney, was a native of Rutland, Vermont, and about 1836 pioneered into Lorain County and acquired a tract of land in Pittsfield Township. The maternal grandparents were Cornelius and Hannah (Nye) Gifford, the former born at Lee, Massachusetts, and passing away at a great old age November 13, 1900, while his wife was born November 17, 1782, at Columbus, New York. The Gifford family established a home in Lorain County in 1833. Mark Whitney, father of Mark A., was born in Rutland, Vermont, in 1818, and died in 1882. His wife was born in Columbus, New York, April 5, 1825, and died March 10, 1916, at the age of ninety years, eleven months and five days.

Mark and Cordelia Whitney were married in Pittsfield Township April 27, 1848. He had come to Lorain County when eighteen years of age and was a man above the average in education and reading and one of the leading farmers of the township. Though with little capital to start on he acquired a good estate, and built a fine brick residence which at the time was one of the best in Pittsfield Township. He spent his last years in Oberlin.

Mark A. Whitney was the fifth in a family of six children. He acquired his early education in the schools of Oberlin, also took a business course there, and made farming the first object of his effective endeavors. He prosecuted his industry in that line until 1905, when he moved to Oberlin, having sold his farm, and has since enjoyed the comforts of a good home in the college city. For two years he was in the carriage and implement business with O. E. Peabody. Since April, 1911, he has been associated with Mr. C. W. Ward in the grain business and they have one of the principal establishments in that line in this part of Lorain County.

In October, 1893, Mr. Whitney married Miss Lula Avery, daughter of William Avery, a well known Lorain County citizen who was born in Pittsfield Township where his father, Carlos Avery, was one of the first settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney have one adopted child, Alice Mills. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As a republican he served for a number of years as clerk of his home township.

William Andrew Hiscox. To his present duties as county superintendent of Lorain County's schools, Mr. Hiscox has brought a broad range of experience as a capable educator, and from the time he taught his first country school near Lisbon, Ohio, has lived in almost constant association with his duties as a school man.

Born at Lisbon, Ohio, he is the son of Joseph and Rose Anna (Fife) Hiscox, both of whom are now deceased. His father was born at Bradford-on-the-Avon in England, the son of John Hiscox, who brought the family to America and settled at Lisbon, Ohio, when Joseph was three years of age. Grandfather Hiscox died at Lisbon, and his wife at Hicksville, Ohio. Grandfather Hiscox was a weaver in England, but after coming to Ohio settled on a farm, did a great deal of the pioneer work of clearing and lived there the rest of his days. Mr. Hiscox's mother was born at Lisbon, her parents having come from Germany when young and married in Ohio and spent most of their lives around Lisbon. Joseph Hiscox likewise spent his active career as a farmer at Lisbon, and died there March 12, 1906, being survived by his wife until April 6, 1915.

W. A. Hiscox spent his early life on a farm, learned its duties and shared in its toils, and laid the foundation of his education in the common schools of Lisbon. His higher education was acquired in the Northeastern Ohio Normal, from which he was graduated Bachelor of Science in the class of 1892, and in 1910 he was given the degree Master of Science by Baldwin University. His first work as a teacher was done in Center Township near Lisbon, where he taught about four years. Of his more important service in administrative positions, Mr. Hiscox was superintendent of schools at Washingtonville, Ohio, six years; at Grafton, Ohio, six years; at LaGrange, Ohio, two years; at Waterford, Pennsylvania, four years; and at New Cumberland, West Virginia, two years. He also taught in the Wooster University Summer School for nine summers.

On July 20, 1914, Mr. Hiscox was elected county superintendent of

schools in Lorain County, and on June 1, 1915, was re-elected for a term of two years. He is a hard working and enthusiastic educator, and has done much to increase the efficiency of both the personnel and of the organization of the local schools under his supervision.

While not a farmer in the practical sense, Mr. Hiscox owns a place of fifty acres near Lisbon in Columbiana County. He is a republican, and fraternally is affiliated with the lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Washingtonville, in which he is a past grand, and is a member of Lodge No. 399, Free & Accepted Masons, at LaGrange, Ohio. At Elyria he belongs to The Elyria Chamber of Commerce and is active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that city.

At his old home Town of Lisbon November 24, 1892, Mr. Hiscox married Miss Ella S. Lindesmith, daughter of Jacob and Nancy Lindesmith, who were old settlers of Columbiana County. Her father died there in August, 1892, and her mother now lives at Malvern, Ohio. Mrs. Hiscox was educated in the rural schools of Columbiana County. To their marriage have been born three children: Ethel May Hiscox was graduated from the New Cumberland High School in West Virginia in 1913, taught the following year in the fourth grade at Weirton, West Virginia, and then entered Oberlin College, where she completed her freshman year in 1915. Harold W. Hiscox, the second child, is now a junior in the Elyria High School, while Norman L., the youngest, is in the seventh grade of the public schools. The daughter was born at Washingtonville, Ohio, while the sons are natives of Grafton, Ohio.

Elisha M. Pierce. One of the men most prominent in making Lorain an industrial center is Elisha M. Pierce, whose influence can be traced through the principal financial, manufacturing and other business concerns that have their headquarters in that city. He is president of the Lorain Casting Company and is treasurer of the Thew Automatic Shovel Company, these being perhaps the two largest plants at Lorain, except the National Tube Works. Some facts regarding the Thew Automatic Shovel Company will be found on other pages. The Lorain Casting Company was organized in November, 1906, with a capital of $100,000. Its first officers were: Elisha M. Pierce, president; Richard Thew, vice president; F. A. Smythe, secretary. During the first year about fifteen men were employed in the firm, while now the average payroll includes about fifty. The present officers are Mr. Pierce, president and treasurer; and Richard Thew vice president and secretary. The company has an average output of about 175 tons of castings each month. The main building plant is 110x130 feet; pattern house, 40x90 feet; storage house 20x24 feet; and the office building a two story structure 25x25 feet.

Elisha M. Pierce was born at York, Medina County, Ohio, June 26, 1845. His parents were Thompson and Harriet (Little) Pierce, both of whom were born at Peru, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Grandfather Levi Pierce brought his family to the Western Reserve of Ohio in 1836, locating in Medina County. The maternal grandfather was Samuel Little, who came to Medina County about the same time.

Educated in the schools of Medina County and at Oberlin College, Elisha M. Pierce began his career as a telegraph operator at his native town of York. He next became station agent for the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad Company at Uhrichsville, but in the spring of 1880 came to Lorain to take charge of the Tuscarawas Valley Coal Company. In 1882, resuming railroad work, he took charge of the terminals of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling, and only resigned that important responsibility in 1907.

In the meantime he had identified himself in many ways with other

institutions in Lorain. He assisted in organizing the Lorain Savings & Banking Company, of which he was president until 1905, when it was succeeded by the Lorain Banking Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer. In 1908 he became secretary and treasurer of the Thew Automatic Shovel Company. He helped promote the Black River Telephone Company and became president of the company on its organization and still holds that office. From 1887 he was agent for the trustee of the Black River Land Company. On the organization of the Lorain Chamber of Commerce, now known as the Board of Commerce, he became its president, and has also served as president of the Lorain Library Association, as president of the Young Men's Christian Association, was for six years president of the Lorain School Board and for eight years a member of the city council and also president of that body for a time. Considering these various activities and relationships, there is no question that his public spirited influence has been one of the large factors in making the town. By his marriage to Almira Penfield, who died in 1887, he has two daughters: Marian F. is the wife of Thomas M. Duncan, postmaster of Bridgeport, Belmont County, Ohio, and they have one child, Mary Margaret. Inez J., at home, is a graduate of Lake Erie College and has for the past eight years been connected with the work of the Cleveland Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten Association. The second wife of Mr. Pierce was Mary Penfield, a sister of Almira. She died January 7, 1916. Both were daughters of Samuel Penfield, who was born in New York State and came as a boy to Lorain County, the Penfields having been the first settlers in Penfield Township, Lorain County, the town taking its name from that family. A local publication in writing of the death of Mrs. Pierce paid the following tribute:

"Mrs. Mary Penfield Pierce, wife of E. M. Pierce, secretary and treasurer of the Thew Automatic Shovel Co., and one of Lorain's best known women, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon at her home, 103 Arkansas Avenue.

"Death came after an illness of a few days. She was seized with an attack of pneumonia Saturday. Weakened heart action aided the disease in ending her earthly existence.

"Probably no other woman in Lorain carried on greater work of a charitable nature than Mrs. Pierce. Her charity to a large extent was accomplished quietly and without the knowledge of even her most intimate acquaintances. In addition she was prominently identified with the Lorain Associated Charities and its work.

"As a member of the First Congregational church Mrs. Pierce participated prominently in the religious life of the city. She was first vice president of the Congregational Women's Association, taught a class in the Sunday school for many years and was otherwise identified with the work of the church.

"In club life of the city Mrs. Pierce was equally as prominent. She was a charter member of the Wimodaughsis club. On the 20th anniversary of the club to be celebrated next April she was the scheduled hostess. Her club affiliations also included the Round Table and Colonial clubs.

"Mrs. Pierce was a native of Lorain county, having been born in Oberlin 67 years ago. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Penfield, were pioneers of the county. Early in her womanhood she taught school in the southern part of the county. In 1889 she was united in marriage to Mr. Pierce. She had been a resident of Lorain since 1880.

"The surviving members of the family include her husband, E. M. Pierce, two daughters, Mrs. T. M. Duncan, of Bridgeport, O., and Miss Inez J. Pierce, of Lorain, a sister, Mrs. M. W. Smith, of Shelby, Mich., and a granddaughter, Miss Duncan, of Bridgeport."

James B. Seward. What The Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Company of Elyria represents as one of the chief financial organizations of Lorain County is made a matter of comment for other pages. Its officers and directors probably constitute the most influential group of business men in the entire county, and among those that could be singled out for individual personal mention is the cashier, James B. Seward, who has been identified with the institution nearly fifteen years, and is now its trusted and efficient cashier.

Born at Elyria December 23, 1869, Mr. Seward is a son of Thomas and Esther (Colgan) Seward, who, as old settlers of Elyria, are further mentioned on other pages of this publication in the biography of D. W. Seward. James B. Seward grew up at Elyria, attended the parochial and public schools, and after considerable experience and training in various commercial lines established his first independent venture in the grocery and provision trade under the name of Seward & Goldberg. This firm was located on West Broad Street for about seven years. On March 19, 1901, Mr. Seward entered The Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Company, and soon made his ability appreciated and recognized in that institution. On January 1, 1914, he was made cashier, and now has a very important share in handling the large business of that bank.

Politically Mr. Seward is a democrat, is a member of The Elyria Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and his church home is St. Mary's Catholic. On October 2, 1900, at Elyria, he married Miss Mary Helen Farrell, daughter of the late M. J. Farrell, who was a pioneer hotel man at Elyria. Mrs. Seward is an accomplished musician, and is well known both in musical and social circles in Elyria. They are the parents of four children, Mary, Frank, Edward J. and Catherine Seward.

Thomas James Hume. Among the followers of any of the leading trades, no better recommendation may be secured than employment by a reliable firm and the possession of the trust and confidence of their employers. Since May, 1914, Thomas James Hume has been identified with the well known contracting firm of L. A. Burgett & Company, at Lorain, where through ability and fidelity he has won standing for himself as a master workman and as a young man of ability and enterprise who will accomplish much in the line of his chosen calling.

Mr. Hume was born at Cuylerville, Livingston County, New York, April 26, 1886, and is a son of James and Bridget (McKinnon) Hume. His parents, lifelong residents of that county, were farming people and Thomas J. was reared in an agricultural atmosphere, his education being secured in the public schools. As a youth he displayed a mechanical bent, preferring work with tools to the tilling of the soil, and accordingly he was placed with a carpenter to learn the trade, which he mastered thoroughly and in a due length of time began to work as a journeyman carpenter. Subsequently he spent some years in the East, but in May, 1914, came to Lorain, Ohio, where he secured a position with the firm of L. A. Burgett & Company, one of the leading contracting concerns in this part of Ohio. During his connection with this company, Mr. Hume has been engaged in work on some of the leading structures erected at Lorain, particularly school buildings, in the erection of which the firm specializes. In this connection he was one of the force which built the new Lorain High School, in 1915, a $275,000 edifice which is one of the finest of its kind in the state. Mr. Hume is a young man of energy and industry, of pleasing address and courteous manner, and since his arrival at Lorain has succeeded in attracting to himself a large number of friends.

Mr. Hume was married first to Miss Florence Burroughs, who died leaving one child—Elmer Thomas, who was born April 8, 1912. On June 2, 1915, Mr. Hume was again married, being united with Miss Blondena U. Burgett, of Lorain, daughter of L. A. and Josephine B. (Miller) Burgett. Mr. Burgett is one of the leading contractors and builders of Lorain County, and president of the firm of L. A. Burgett & Company. Mr. and Mrs. Hume are members of Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

C. W. Ward. Of the business firms now in active service at Oberlin, one of the best known is that of Ward & Whitney, grain merchants and elevator men. The senior member of this firm, C. W. Ward, was originally a farmer, comes of one of the old families of Pittsfield Township, but for the past ten years has been very prosperously engaged in the grain business and is one of the leading citizens of Oberlin.

He was born in Pittsfield Township of Lorain County June 28, 1866, a son of William F. and Susan M. (Graves) Ward. The Ward family was established in Lorain County more than eighty years ago when Grandfather James R. Ward, a native of Vermont, moved to Ohio and bought a farm in Pittsfield Township, on which he spent the rest of his days. He was a real pioneer, had the virtues of the typical New Englander, and was one of the men who helped to develop Lorain County during its formative period. Mr. Ward's maternal grandfather, Lynam Graves, a native of New York State, moved in pioneer times to Bath, Ohio, later to Royalton, and finally to LaGrange in Lorain County, where he died. William F. Ward was born in Rutland, Vermont, April 15, 1828, and was still a lad when he was brought to Ohio. He grew up and received his education in Pittsfield Township, and spent all his active career as a farmer until about twenty years before his death, after which he lived somewhat retired in Oberlin. His death occurred August 14, 1911. In 1861 at Sullivan, Ohio, he married Miss Graves, who was born at Bath, Ohio, October 11, 1836, and died February 25, 1905. William F. Ward was a democrat in politics and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are the parents of five children: Frank D., a dealer of horses at Goshen, New York; C. W. Ward; Edith M., wife of Albert Chadwick, of Watertown, New York; Mary E., wife of George Winnie, a machinist at Rochester, New York; and Flora M., wife of Herbert B. Hineline, a machinist at Toledo.

Mr. C. W. Ward spent his early days on a farm in Pittsfield Township, and acquired a common school education. When he started out in life it was with practically no capital and he worked at farm labor and in other ways until he could get a start. He remained a practical farmer in Lorain County until 1905, in which year he established himself in the grain trade at Oberlin. He now handles a large business in grain, hay and feed and is associated with Mr. M. A. Whitney under the firm style of Ward & Whitney.

On January 14, 1903, Mr. Ward married Frances Whitney, daughter of Silas Whitney, and a member of one of the oldest families of Lorain County. Her father was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and was brought to Pittsfield Township in Lorain County in 1834. The father of Silas Whitney acquired a tract of 1,600 acres of land in Pittsfield Township, all in one body, and of this he gave 100 acres to Thomas Wait for assisting him in making the settlement and clearing the land. Grandfather Whitney was one of the first settlers in Pittsfield Township, and both he and his son, Silas, spent the rest of their days there. Silas Whitney was the owner of a farm of 201 acres and was quite

prominent during his lifetime, both as a farmer and as a public spirited citizen. For years he held the office of justice of the peace, was township trustee, and used his means and encouraged wherever possible substantial improvements.

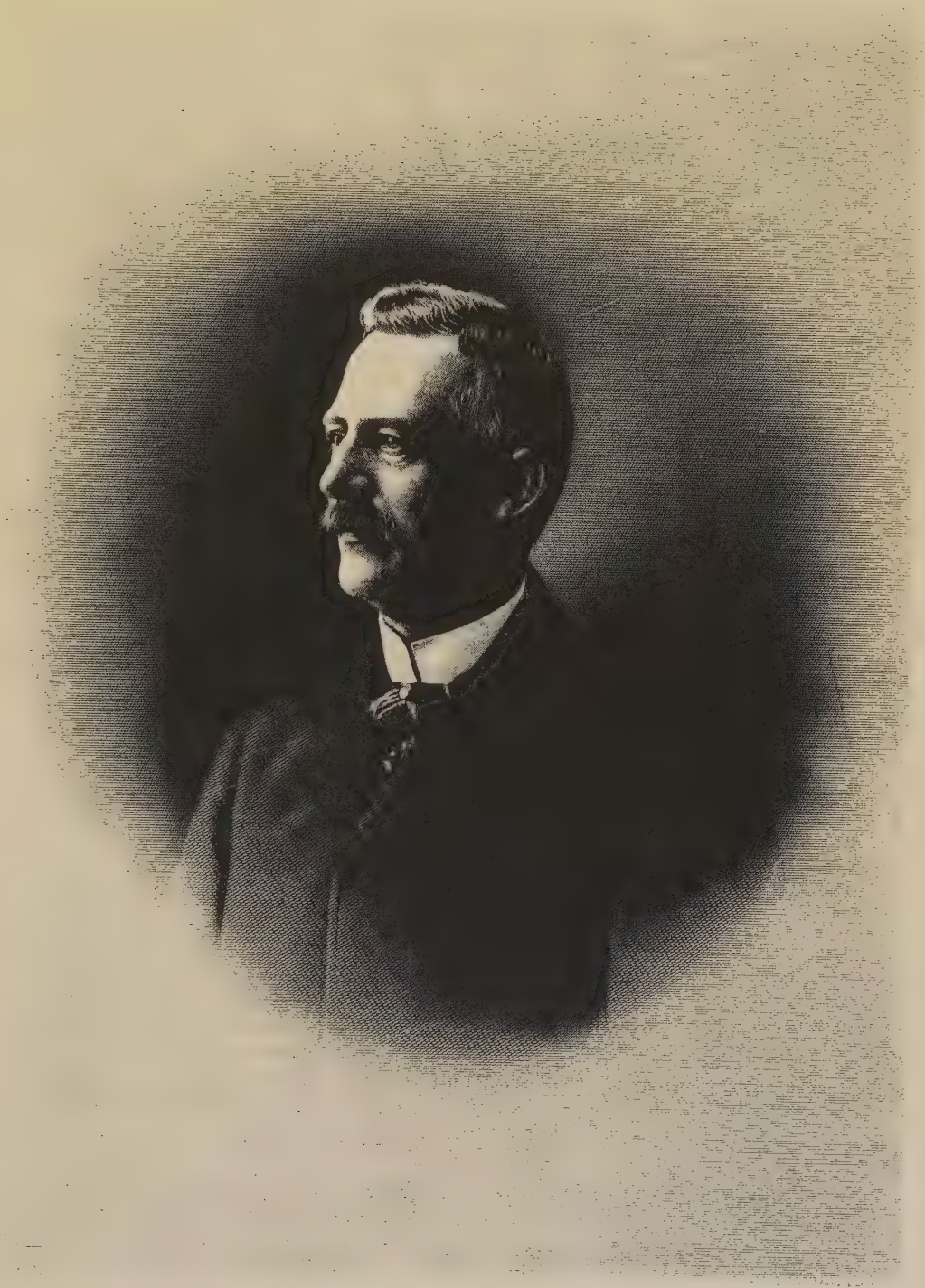
Mr. and Mrs. Ward are members of the Pittsfield Congregational Church, and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a democrat.

Samuel B. Rawson. Judged by the fruits of his career, the late Samuel Bela Rawson of Elyria was one of the prominent constructive Americans of the past century, and his reputation in business affairs was by no means confined to one locality, though his home from birth to death was in Lorain County. By exercise of his native qualities of unusual activity and earnest endeavor, he rose unaided to a foremost place in the telephone business of the United States.

Born in Elyria October 19, 1848, almost sixty years later he died at his home in the same city April 9, 1908. His earliest American ancestor was one of the grantees of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and served as second town clerk and registrar of Boston. Bela Rawson and Harriet Nichols, the parents of the late Samuel B. Rawson, were born within eight miles of each other near Watertown, New York, but first formed their acquaintance in Lorain County. Bela Rawson was a successful farmer for many years in Pittsfield Township, and of his seven children the late Samuel B., the second in age, was the first to die. The oldest son, Arthur B., died at Elyria in December, 1909. The other children were: Bird, Ora, Mrs. Frankie Bath, Mrs. Alice Root, and Mrs. Ella Gleason.

About 1854 the Rawson family moved to Pittsfield Township, and Samuel B. Rawson, who was then six years of age, grew up in a rural environment. At the age of fourteen he left the public schools to begin the study of medicine. The death of his preceptor changed his plans, and fortunately for him, since his inclinations and talents were for practical and mechanical affairs. He learned the tinner's trade, and almost by nature could be considered an inventor. He combined the genius of the inventor with the care and expertness of the trained mechanic, and also with the broad judgment and executive ability of one who developed important enterprises. At the age of nineteen he returned to Elyria, and lived in that city more than forty years. For a time he was a nickler in the Garford works, and at one time conducted a large laundry.

However, it was in the telephone field that he chiefly distinguished himself. He made some improvements of a practical nature on the telephone apparatus, took out patents and, securing capital, organized the Rawson Manufacturing Company, which started in a small way to manufacture telephones that represented the Rawson patent and ideas. In order to secure a market for his goods Mr. Rawson branched out in the organization of independent telephone companies, and that subsequently became his chief scope of activities. Out of the original business which he established at Elyria grew the Dean Electric Company of Elyria, which took its name from W. W. Dean, a prominent capitalist of Chicago, but in which Mr. Rawson was president. He was also president of the Rawson Electric Company, the American Construction & Trading Company of Elyria and the Independent Union Telephone Company, which a few years ago transferred its business from Elyria to Albany, New York. Mr. Rawson was also a director in a number of independent telephone companies in New York State, including the following: Niagara County Home Telephone Company; Interstate



Sam B Rowan

Telephone Company of Little Falls; Seneca County Home Telephone Company; Schenectady Home Telephone Company; Albany Home Telephone Company; Cohoes-Waterford Home Telephone Company at Cohoes; Watervliet-Green Island Home Telephone Company of Watervliet, New York; West Shore Home Telephone Company at Catskill; and Citizens Standard Telephone Company at Kingston.

The memory with which Mr. Rawson's name will always be cherished in Elyria was due not only to his large business accomplishment but also to his spirit of public enterprise and his work and support in the foundation of worthy charity. He took a very deep interest in the establishment of the Memorial Hospital at Elyria, was one of the projectors of the institution, and selected the splendid site which the hospital occupies. He was one of the incorporators and was chairman of its building committee at the time of his death. He contributed liberally to churches and other local institutions, belonged to the Men's Club of the Congregational Church and was active in fraternal affairs. He was affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; was a charter member of Elyria Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar; was a charter member of Elyria Lodge No. 456, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a past exalted ruler; and also a member of Elyria Chapter No. 165, Order of Eastern Star.

In 1870 Mr. Rawson married Miss Mary A. Roe, daughter of William Roe of Elyria. Her death occured a few months after their marriage. In June, 1872, he married Miss Faustina Biggers. Mrs. Rawson, who for a number of years has been one of the social leaders of Elyria, was born at Fairview, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Helen M. (Payson) Biggers, and a granddaughter of Samuel and Betsey (Colt) Biggers. Mrs. Rawson has one daughter, Helen Doris, who on December 23, 1914, married Mr. Paul H. White of Cleveland.

During the life of her husband Mrs. Rawson made her home a center for the cultured hospitality of Elyria. In recent years she has given her attention to many charitable and social organizations, and has a breadth of sympathy as large as the world itself. She was one of the seven incorporators of the Old Ladies' Home at Elyria, and for several years a trustee. She has been a member of the auxiliary board of the Memorial Hospital since its organization, and a few years ago furnished a room at the hospital in memory of Mr. Rawson. She is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Perhaps she is best known over the country at large for her work in women's organizations of a fraternal nature. In the Eastern Star she was secretary three years, worthy matron three years, Electa two years of the Elyria chapter, was Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of the State of Ohio in 1904, and represented the State of Wyoming until 1912 and prior to that had represented the State of Minnesota. She has been identified with the Woman's Relief Corps many years, has been president of the Twelfth District of that organization three years, and in 1915 was the national delegate representing that district of four counties in Northern Ohio at the general convention in Washington. She was also national delegate at Cincinnati in 1899. At the present time Mrs. Rawson is the oldest member in point of years of association in the Daughters of Rebekah, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Lorain County. She is also a member of Palestine Shrine No. 2, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, at Cleveland, an organization affiliated with the Eastern Star. She has attained some of the highest posts in the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, and at the fourth biennial review of that organization, held at Port Huron, Michigan, July 16-19, 1901, she was one of the five representatives selected in the State of Ohio and was appointed and sent as

supreme representative of the Supreme Hive, chosen in place of Mrs. Emma S. Olds, the great commander, who had only recently left the hospital after a serious illness and was unable to perform her official duties. Thus many honors have been bestowed upon this Elyria woman, and they have always come unsolicited. Mrs. Rawson has well been characterized as a woman of sweet dignity and broad charity, and enjoys the love and esteem of an entire community.

E. E. Sperry. One of the most progressive citizens of Oberlin, where for the past fifteen years he has handled a large amount of the local grocery trade, Mr. Sperry has been a strenuous worker since early youth, having started out on his own account without capital and relying upon industry and efficiency to advance him in the world, and as a result of his efforts in the past he is now able to take life somewhat leisurely.

Born in Chautauqua County, New York, April 29, 1861, he is a son of Roland and Mary (Cowles) Sperry. Both parents were natives of New York State, and the grandfather, Merritt Sperry, was an early settler in Herkimer County, New York, and a well-to-do farmer there. His parents came from Connecticut to New York and practically all the Sperrys in America are descended from one or other of three brothers who came from England to the United States early in 1600. Mr. Sperry's maternal grandfather, Darius Cowles, spent all his life in New York State as a farmer. Roland Sperry was born in 1833 and died in 1910, and in 1858 married Miss Cowles, who was born in 1837 and is still living. Roland Sperry was an active farmer, spent most of his career in New York, but in 1901 moved to Oberlin and lived retired until his death. E. E. Sperry has one brother, Merritt D., who is also in the grocery business at Oberlin. Their mother is a member of the Baptist Church and their father was an active prohibitionist.

E. E. Sperry received his early education in Chautauqua County, attended the high school at Panama, New York, where he was graduated in 1879, and soon afterwards took up telegraphy as a profession and for fully twenty years was an operator, largely in the western states. In 1886 he moved out to the vicinity of Kansas City and followed his work with several different lines of railway and in several western states. On coming to Oberlin in 1901 he established himself in the grocery business, and has since had an ample share in the rewards paid to local merchants. During the last session of the State Senate of Ohio Mr. Sperry served as postmaster.

In 1890 he married Miss Martha Hilbert, who was born in Eastern Pennsylvania. Their three children are: Walter, now a junior in Oberlin College; Mary, in the freshman year at Oberlin; and Charles, attending the grade schools. Mrs. Sperry is a member of the Baptist Church. He is a republican in politics, has served as a member of the board of elections, as clerk of the school board, and never fails to take a progressive part in all local affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order and with the lodge of Elks at Elyria.

Clemon H. Snow. Through practically all his life Mr. Snow has been a resident of Lorain County. His record shows that he has been a citizen of varied usefulness, and altogether a vigorous and independent man though working with and for the best interests of community life. He has had the courage of his convictions, and has had the rare fortune to keep an unbiased mind and judgment while effectively identifying himself with those departments of life which require co-operation and loyalty.

His birth occurred September 22, 1848, in the southeastern corner of Avon Township of Lorain County. His birthplace was a log house on the east side of what is now known as the Snow Road. His parents were Edwin Snow and Julia Lewis. This is one of the oldest families in Northeastern Ohio, and the immediate ancestry is also directly related with some of the earliest American settlers. The Snows came to America from England prior to 1640, settling in Massachusetts. Franklin Snow, father of Edwin, emigrated from Beckett in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, to Portage County, Ohio, about 1806 or 1807. That was several years before the second war with Great Britain, and only a few years after Ohio became a state. Edwin Snow was born in Ohio in 1809. His wife, Julia Lewis, was born near Warsaw in Wyoming County, New York, April 7, 1818, and died April 5, 1905, at a very venerable age. The Lewis ancestors came to America in the year 1632. The famous explorer Lewis of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, which was sent out by President Jefferson to explore the upper valleys of the Missouri River in the Louisiana Purchase, was a near relative to Julia Lewis' ancestors. She was one of a family of ten children, and all of them reached advanced years.

The earliest recollections of Clemon H. Snow are identified with that splendid agricultural and civic community known as Avon Township. He attended both the common and high schools of that township, spent two terms in the Elyria public schools, and for about six terms was a student in Oberlin College. However, he did not pursue his college course to graduation. He early showed a proficiency in mathematics and in the exact sciences, and in 1872, when a young man of twenty-four, secured a position as assistant to J. M. Ackley, who was then county surveyor of Cuyahoga County. He continued with him during the seasons of 1872 and 1874. Then followed a period of about ten years during which his chief vocation was farming, though he was employed frequently making surveys and in general civil engineering work.

Mr. Snow's chief public service, by which he will be best remembered in Lorain County, was his long record as county surveyor and city engineer of Elyria. In June, 1886, he was appointed county surveyor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. C. Kinney, and in November of the same year he was elected to the office for a three-year term beginning in January, 1887. In November, 1889, he was re-elected to the same office, to which he gave six years and six months. While serving as county surveyor he was appointed in 1887 city engineer of Elyria, and for a number of years carried on both offices. In January, 1893, his last term as county surveyor terminated, though he continued in the service of the county for about a year longer. During the next ten years he was kept in the office of city engineer, and his service in that position covered a period of sixteen years. Practically all the important improvements in Elyria up to the year 1903 were planned and carried out by Mr. Snow. In addition to his long-continued service in these two offices he also served as a member of the Board of Education of Elyria.

It is noteworthy that throughout his entire career Mr. Snow has been an independent in politics, and held that attitude at a time when party loyalty and regularity were much more strongly insisted upon than at present. He has at the same time affiliated with the republican party, but has not considered himself bound to its policies, and has never been in sympathy with its tariff principles. In 1912 he gave his vote to Woodrow Wilson for president. Mr. Snow is essentially a "peace" man and not only in recent years but has always shown an implacable hatred of anything and everything pertaining to war. He belongs to

no secret society, but is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and for forty years has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In his native locality of Avon Township on May 24, 1880, he married Miss Mary M. Sweet. Her father was Calvin Sweet, whose father in turn was one of the first settlers in Avon, having located there in the year 1817. As the history of that community shows, most of the prominent early pioneers came just about that time, and the permanence of the Sweet family is indicated by the fact that some of the land which the pioneer acquired nearly a century ago is still in the possession of his descendants. To Mr. and Mrs. Snow were born two children: Franklin Chadwick Snow, born December 26, 1882, has for the past seven years been professor of civil engineering in the Montana State College, and in December, 1906, married Lorena Gilbert. Bricena A. Snow, the only daughter, was born March 16, 1891, is a graduate of the Elyria High School, and is an accomplished musician; she is still living with her parents at their home in Elyria.

Fred J. Penney. For many years the name Penney has been familiarly known in business circles at Lorain, and has been chiefly identified with the coal and builders' supply trade. Fred J. Penny now has extensive yards and a large amount of capital invested in coal and other necessary commodities, with plant and yards at 1463 Broadway. He is one of the younger and very enterprising business men of Lorain County.

Born at Port Huron, Michigan, June 23, 1875, he is a son of Daniel J. and Catherine (McDonald) Penney, who moved from Michigan to Lorain, Ohio, in the fall of 1891. Daniel Penney was for many years engaged in the coal and building supply business at Lorain and his son Fred grew up in the business, and is now sole proprietor, the concern having been conducted under his individual name as F. J. Penney since July, 1915, he having then bought out the interests of R. J. Mills. He was formerly a member of the firm of Penney & Smith, a coal and supply company, and operated in that line for several years.

Mr. Penney is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is a member of Pioneer Tent No. 1072. Knights of the Maccabees. On April 30, 1915, he married Miss Martha Wenger of Lorain.

Daniel West Hyland. Not many men now past seventy in Lorain County have filled their years with more activities than Daniel W. Hyland, who has earned the right to retire and enjoy life at leisure. During his active career his name was chiefly identified with the coal and ice trade in Elyria. Outside of his honorable business and civic record, he is especially distinguished by his service in the Civil war, where he fought in a score of the battles familiar to every schoolboy and did more arduous duty than many who came out with officer's straps upon their shoulders.

While his home has been in the United States as long as he can remember, he was born in England, at a place about sixty miles below London, on October 18, 1842. His parents, Thomas and Martha (West) Hyland, about six months after his birth, set out for the new world, and on a sailing vessel that was six weeks between ports arrived in Canada in April, 1843. From Quebec they went to Port Stanley, and after six years in Canada came to Lorain County. The father bought a farm of 120 acres in Carlisle Township, but had not long to cultivate it or enjoy its fruits. He bought in April and died the following September 29,

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1849. His widow subsequently married John Lees, another farmer in Carlisle, and she survived him many years, passing away at the home of her youngest daughter in Eaton on November 11, 1906, aged ninety-four years six days. There were eight children in the Hyland family, two sons and six daughters. Two died in infancy in England, five came to the United States, and one died in Canada. Only the two youngest are now living, Daniel W. and his sister Sarah, the wife of Jacob Jonas, who lives on the farm in Eaton Township. The little family party that emigrated from England to Canada also included the grandfather and grandmother Hyland, and they also came to Lorain County. The grandfather died in an old brick house which stood where the Second Congregational Church is now in Elyria. The grandmother died just after Daniel Hyland went away to the army. The grandfather's name was also Thomas.

Daniel W. Hyland was about old enough to attend school when he came to Lorain County, and his education came from the district schools of Carlisle and Amherst. Up to the age of sixteen his working experience was with farming, but he then learned the trade of harness making and carriage trimming in Amherst, and earned his living at it three years before going to the war.

It was a full three years' service that he gave to the Union in the dark days of the Civil war. August 6, 1862, he enlisted at Amherst, and was mustered in as private at Camp Mitchell, Kentucky, in Company F of the One Hundred and Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry under Capt. P. C. Hayes and Col. J. S. Casement. The regiment was attached to the Second Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-third Army Corps. His record of service included the following engagements and campaigns: Monticello, Kentucky, May 1, 1863; Carter's Depot, Tennessee, September 20-21, 1863; Jonesboro, September 21; siege of Knoxville, November 17 to December 5, 1863; Dandridge, January 6 to 17, 1864; Dalton, Georgia, May 8 to 13, 1864; Resaca, in May; promoted to corporal May 4th; at Cartersville, Georgia, May 20th; battles about Dallas, New Church and Altoona Pass, May 25 to June 5, 1864; near Marietta, June 1 to 19; Kenesaw Mountain, June 10 to July 2; Lookout Mountain, June 15 to 17; Muddy Creek, June 17; Noyes Creek, June 19; Kenesaw Mountain, June 27; Nickajack Creek, July 2 to 5; Chattahoochee River, July 5 to 17, and his was the first regiment to cross; Decatur, July 18-19; siege of Atlanta, July 22 to September 2; Lovejoy Station, September 26; Columbia Ridge, November 24-27; Franklin, Tennessee, November 30; Nashville, December 15-16; Sugar Loaf Battery, North Carolina, February 11, 1865; Fort Anderson, February 18-19; Wilmington, February 22; Johnston's surrender, April 26, 1865. Thus he was in practically all the campaigns which drove the Confederate forces out of Kentucky and Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas. On June 12, 1865, he received his honorable discharge at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Once more at home a private citizen, he worked two years in a harness shop at South Amherst, and for four years was engaged in farming in Ionia County, Michigan. On his return in 1872 he was with the grocery department of the Starr Brothers establishment in Elyria until March, 1873, when the Heman Ely Block burned. The site of that old building is now covered by the Commercial Block. For a time, including the year made notable by the women's crusade, he and Orin Dole were in the soft drink business under the name of Dole & Hyland, but on selling his interest Mr. Hyland spent a year and a half in Cleveland with the wholesale drygoods house of Alcott & Horton. The next year he conducted the grain elevator at Elyria for Clark & Sampsell, and from that graduated into the coal and ice business, which, together

with the handling of general supplies, formed his chief commercial interests for the next thirty years or more. With Mr. Dole he organized what was known as the Elyria Coal & Ice Company. After three years Mr. Dole sold out, and D. M. Clark came into the organization for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Hyland sold to Clark and then became connected with the City Fuel & Ice Company along with Ed Carter. A number of years later he bought out Carter and sold a half interest to John Murbach. With Mr. Murbach he was associated for the long period of seventeen years in conducting the Elyria Coal & Ice Company.

Mr. Hyland has a most successful record in business affairs at Elyria. For the last ten years he has been retired from more active responsibilities, though he employs his capital in the buying and selling of farms and city property, and has handled no small amount of real estate in his time. His own substantial home on Sixth Street he built about twenty-seven years ago. He is also vice president of the Hygienic Ice Company, and is one of the original stockholders in the Lorain County Banking Company.

He has always maintained kindly and helpful associations with old army comrades, and in the Elijah Hayden Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Elyria, is now post commander and has filled that office several times before. While a republican, he has never sought an office. Besides owning city property in Elyria, he has some interests in lands in Ionia County, Michigan. His name has been on the rolls of membership in the Elyria Chamber of Commerce since it was organized.

On May 7, 1866, a few months after his return from the army he married Miss Sade Shephard of Elyria. Her death occurred in May, 1867. On December 28, 1872, he married Miss Lena E. Howe at Grand Rapids, Michigan, which was her home. After more than forty years of wedded companionship she passed away February 20, 1913.

Frank A. Sanford. For more than a score of years Frank Allen Sanford has maintained his residence in the City of Lorain and as a vigorous, alert and progressive business man of the younger generation in Lorain County he has proved effectually his administrative and constructive power, especially through his active association with the syndicate that succeeded to the ownership and control of much of the valuable property and business of the Sheffield Land & Improvement Company when the affairs of this important corporation were placed in the hands of a receiver. Through his connection with the extensive activities initiated by this company Mr. Sanford has become very prominently identified with the civic and material advancement and development of Lorain, and is to be designated as one of the representative men of affairs in this city.

The Sheffield Land & Improvement Company was organized in 1894 and was incorporated with the gigantic capital of $1,000,000. The company purchased 4,400 acres of land in Lorain County, and initiated the development and upbuilding of South Lorain, as a virtual extension of the City of Lorain. It platted a large district into city lots, improved streets and established proper water and sewer systems, as well as installing effective street car service. The company erected in this section of the county 800 houses and loaned money for the construction of 200 additional houses. The best type of street paving and sidewalks marked the development of the new district, and the company achieved a splendid work in furthering the material and industrial progress of Lorain, though its affairs finally became involved and necessitated a receivership.

Mr. Sanford associated himself with the real estate department of the Sheffield Land & Improvement Company in 1900, in the capacity of salesman, and when the business of the corporation was placed in the hands of a receiver Mr. Sanford became an interested principal in a syndicate that purchased a large part of the company's property, so that the new organization practically succeeded to the control of the property and business of the original company, and Mr. Sanford is one of the representative factors in the handling of the extensive affairs of the syndicate, his association with which has brought to him large success and distinctive precedence in connection with broader business activities in his home city and county, where he has secure place in popular confidence and good will.

Frank Sanford was born in Lewis County, West Virginia, on the 23d of June, 1875, and is a son of Rev. James L. and Lillie (Simpson) Sanford, his father being a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and having also achieved success as a merchant in Lorain, Ohio, where he established his residence in 1895 and where he and his wife still maintain their home.

To the public schools of West Virginia and Ohio Frank A. Sanford is indebted for his early education, which was effectively supplemented by a course of high study in the Ohio Wesleyan University, in the City of Delaware. He left this institution in his senior year and then became associated with his father in the mercantile business at Lorain, where he soon made an excellent record as a reliable and progressive young business man. In 1900 he identified himself with the Sheffield Land & Improvement Company, as previously noted, and this context has already given adequate record concerning his activities since that time.

Mr. Sanford is distinctively popular in business and social circles in Lorain County, is a member of the Elyria Country Club, at the county seat, and is affiliated with the Lorain lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On November 9, 1912, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sanford to Miss Bess Whitmore, of Lorain, she being a daughter of Frederick C. Whitmore, who is now manager for a machine company in the city of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford have one child, Betty Jean.

John Joseph Smythe. One of the youngest members of the Lorain County bar, Mr. Smythe is a lawyer with a promising practice, and has already obtained some distinctions which furnish indications of a useful and honored career. He is a member of the firm of Baird & Smythe, with offices both in Elyria and Amherst.

John Joseph Smythe was born at Dennison, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, December 12, 1889, a son of Joseph Weaver and Elizabeth Smythe. His father, who is of English descent, is a railroad engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The mother is of French-Canadian birth and parentage, and when a child came from Quebec to Pennsylvania.

John J. Smythe graduated from the Dennison public schools in 1908. His parents were not wealthy people, and while they contributed all they could to further the ambitions of the young man, he early became dependent upon his own resources and by his own work paid practically all his way through college. In the year of his graduation from the public schools he entered the Ohio State University in the College of Arts, and in the following year entered the College of Law, from which he was graduated LL. B. in 1912. While in university he was much interested in athletics and was captain of the university baseball team

in 1911-12, and has taken much interest in athletic affairs since locating in Lorain County.

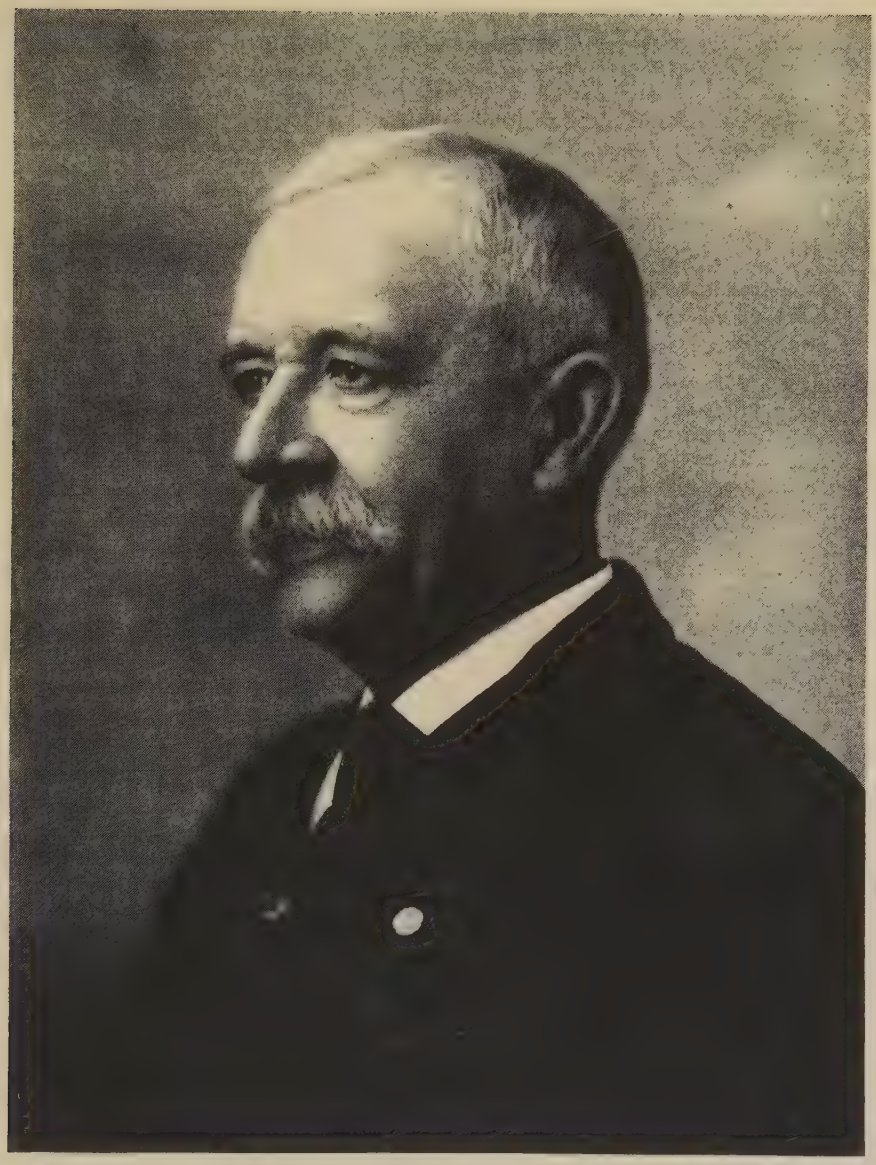
After graduating from law school Mr. Smythe worked with William Herbert on Page's Ohio Digest until January, 1915. He then located in Elyria and opened a law office with D. A. Baird under the name Baird & Smythe. In April of the same year he established and took charge of the branch office of the firm at Amherst. This firm represents several corporations, including the Amherst German Bank and the Amherst Home Telephone Company.

One month after settling in Amherst Mr. Smythe was appointed city solicitor of the village by the village council, and after being a resident there only six months, on account of his prominence in municipal affairs, was nominated on a non-partisan ticket for mayor and in November, 1913, at the age of twenty-three, was elected to the office. At that time he was reported as being the youngest mayor Ohio had ever known. He is a democrat, and in November, 1914, was candidate for clerk of courts of Lorain County, being defeated by the republican nominee of Lorain, William H. Oldham. Mr. Smythe is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights and Ladies of Security.

George Louis Buell. It is a man's first duty to provide for his family while he lives and to see that suitable provision is made for those dependent upon him after he has passed away. One of the most effective methods of providing for future contingencies due to death is by means of insurance—a fact so generally recognized nowadays that the insurance business has grown to be one of the largest and most important in the country. One of its leading representatives in this section is George L. Buell, of Lorain, who was born in Summit County, Ohio, November 10, 1861. His parents, Ichabod and Mary (Robinson) Buell, were farming people. He was educated in the public schools and in the normal school at Medina, Ohio, and at the age of twenty years began industrial life as a telegraph operator. After being thus occupied for about four years, he came in 1885 to Lorain and for three years subsequently was here engaged in the same line of work. Then, in company with James Reid, he established himself in the insurance business. Subsequently the firm became Buell and Cozad, its present style, real estate being added to the interests of the concern, which, since its establishment has steadily advanced in prosperity. Mr. Buell organized The Black River Telephone Company, of which he was also manager for some time. One of Lorain's leading citizens, he has served for the last fifteen years as a justice of the peace. In politics he is aligned with the republican party, while his fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1890 Mr. Buell married Miss Anna Reid, daughter of James Reid of Lorain.

William Milne Adams. Of the class of men who owe their success in business life solely to their own efforts and abilities, William Milne Adams, of Elyria, is an excellent example. Induced to come to this country in his youth by stories of the wonderful opportunities awaiting ambitious young men here, he found that in America, as elsewhere, the only road to prosperity and position was over the highway of hard and persistent work. This road he has traveled perseveringly, and at length has reached the goal of success, occupying an honorable position among Elyria's business men as the Elyria and Lorain representative of the Citizens Gas and Electric Company.

Mr. Adams was born March 20, 1851, in the City of Forfar, County



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Forfar, Scotland, and is a son of George and Emily (Tuck) Adams, both born at that place, the father of Scotch and the mother of Scotch-English descent. In his early life George Adams was engaged in contracting, but later took up gardening, and for over forty years acted in that capacity for a number of wealthy families in Scotland. He died in that country in 1902, aged eighty-seven years, while the mother passed away in 1898, aged eighty-three years. They were the parents of three children: William Milne; Betsy, who came to the United States a number of years after her brother, married John Taylor, and resided near Youngstown, Ohio, where she died, and Rev. John C., a graduate of the College of London, England, who became a missionary to the Orkney Islands, and was found frozen to death after his failure to return from making calls, the supposition being that he had suffered an attack of heart failure.

William Milne Adams received but scant educational advantages in the public schools of his native city, but was a young man of industry and ambition, and when only sixteen years of age was foreman in a linen manufacturing factory, with over 125 girls under his superintendency. It would seem that a position of such responsibility would have satisfied a youth of his age, but he had repeatedly heard stories of the wealth to be easily gained in the United States, and in 1869, when between eighteen and nineteen years of age, he resigned his position and set sail for New York, determined to rapidly gain a fortune. When he arrived in this country, he found that the conditions pictured as so favorable had been greatly exaggerated, and he was glad to accept such honorable employment as came his way. In a factory at Ithaca, New York, he learned to make hubs and spokes, and resided in that city until about 1871, when he went to Ilion, New York, and secured a position with the Remington Arms Company, where he assisted in the manufacture of 350,000 guns used in the Franco-Prussian war. Still later he went to Paterson, New Jersey, where he worked in a factory in the manufacture of machinery for the making of silk ribbons, but in 1873 left that position to come to Toledo, Ohio, where, and at Delphos, Ohio, he was engaged in making hubs and spokes. In 1884 Mr. Adams received his introduction to matters electrical when he located at Fremont, Ohio, and worked for the Central Union Telephone Company, and after four years in that capacity entered the service of the Fremont Gas, Electric Light and Power Company, becoming one of its stockholders and remaining in that city until 1905, although he sold his stock in the concern in 1902. On April 1, 1905, he came to Elyria, where he has since been connected with the electric light and natural and artificial gas business, having since that year been representative of the Citizens Gas and Electric Company for the cities of Lorain and Elyria. He is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and the Lorain Chamber of Commerce, and has an excellent reputation in business circles of both cities. In political matters he is a republican and his first vote was cast for an old friend, with whose family he had become acquainted while a resident of Fremont, Rutherford B. Hayes, who subsequently became President of the United States. He has continued to be a stanch supporter of republican candidates and principles, although not a seeker for preferment at the hands of his party. Fraternally, Mr. Adams belongs to Brainard Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fremont, Ohio, and Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in both of which he has numerous friends. He attends and supports St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Elyria, of which his wife is a member.

On October 16, 1884, Mr. Adams was married at Toledo, Ohio, to Miss Catherine Elizabeth Botsford, daughter of Hiram and Eliza (Caton) Botsford, natives of New York State, who died at Toledo, where

their daughter, Mrs. Adams, was born and educated. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams: Emily, born at Fremont, Ohio, a graduate of the Fremont High School, who also took a business course in that city, married W. J. Derr, of Toledo, Ohio, who is engaged in the musical instrument business, and has two daughters, Mary Louise and Emily, the latter of whom was born in the same hour of the same day of the same month as her uncle, William H. Adams; and William Hiland, a graduate of the Elyria High School, class of 1906, who attended Gambria College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, now agent of the Logan Natural Gas and Fuel Company, at Ashland, Ohio, married Miss Fay Bankard of Mount Vernon, and has one daughter, Lois.

Thomas Rath. For fully twenty years Thomas Rath has been an effective factor in the industrial life of Lorain. He is division manager at Lorain for the National Stove Company, a division of the American Stove Co., and has been the chief man locally responsible for the progress and direction of that enterprise almost since its establishment.

What is now a branch of a great manufacturing corporation was established in 1893 at Lorain as The National Vapor Stove & Manufacturing Company. At that time about fifty people were employed in the plant. In 1902 the business was taken over by the American Stove Company, and since then many changes and extensions have been made. Nearly two hundred and twenty-five persons are now on the regular payroll of the plant, and the works cover a large tract of ground. The main building is 450 by 60 feet, with a wing 119 by 45 feet. The warehouse is 80 by 150 feet; the japanning plant is 80 by 40 feet; the plating room and brass foundry is 70 by 40 feet; the enameling room is 180 by 60 feet; the power plant is 40 by 60 feet; and the storage room is 30 by 110 feet. The products of the works at Lorain are sent all over the world and include all classes and types of stoves and ranges.

Thomas Rath was born in Cleveland, Ohio, November 3, 1866, a son of John and Mary (Mackin) Rath. Educated in private schools, when only fourteen years of age he became an office boy with the Hall Vapor Stove Company of Cleveland. Since then he has earned every step in his progress. He possessed natural capabilities for higher positions, and with experience and maturity has graduated from one grade of the service to another. While at Cleveland he worked his way to division manager, and in 1895 took charge of the works at Lorain, and is now the chief executive official of that extensive industry.

At the same time he has been closely identified with the civic and general business life at Lorain, and is a member and former director of the board of commerce. On September 4, 1890, he married Sarah Ann Taylor of Cleveland. Their four children are: Raymond George, who is associated with his father in the stove works; Charlotte Frances, Thomas Joseph and Joseph Edward.

Addison E. Lord. During the past half century few men have touched at more points the business and civic community of Elyria than Addison E. Lord, who several years ago reached that stage in his business life which enabled him to retire and enjoy a well-earned leisure, and who first became identified with Elyria soon after leaving the navy, in which he served during the Civil war. Mr. Lord was for many years a tobacco manufacturer, was subsequently in the telephone construction business, and is also remembered for his service in the old volunteer fire department of Elyria and in the office of sheriff of Lorain County.

Of New England birth and ancestry, Addison E. Lord was born in

Warehouse Point, Connecticut, on the headwaters of the Connecticut River, October 15, 1842. His parents were Chester A. and Lucretia (Moran) Lord. When he was two years old his mother died and his father passed away in 1882. He was one of a large family, and several of them found their way into this section of Northern Ohio. His brother Cordon O. was one of the first cigar manufacturers in Lorain County, and died at Elyria. Gilbert was also a resident for some time in this county, but finally returned to Connecticut where he died. Atkins A. spent all his life in the East. Three of Mr. Lord's sisters came to Lorain County in 1857, and lived here the rest of their lives. Clara M. was the wife of Lorain Wood. Martha was the wife of Samuel Hines. All these are now deceased. Cynthia Wells is still living at Elyria, the widow of Addison Wells, who died shortly after the war. Another sister was Lavina who married Stephen Clark in Connecticut and both died there. The oldest of the children was Cordon, while Addison E. was the youngest.

The latter obtained his early education in the public schools of his native village, but gained a more substantial and practical training by actual contact with the world and with men after he was fifteen years of age. An experience such as very few residents of Lorain County can include in their careers was four years spent on a whaling vessel, and in that time as a boy employed in the hard and exciting life of whaling he saw a great deal of the world. Returning home, at the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the navy, or as the more exact term was "shipped in the navy." This was in July, 1861, and his service continued until September, 1864. While much of the time he was on blockade duty, he was also in the naval engagements around the mouth of the Mississippi by which the City of New Orleans was captured by the Federal forces, and he was also at the siege of Mobile. The boat on which he served was part of the West Gulf blockading squadron.

On being discharged from the navy Mr. Lord came to Elyria in October, 1864. Since that date this has been his home. He was employed in different capacities and with his brother Cordon learned the cigar-making trade, and in 1873 started in that business for himself in partnership with F. H. Sudro under the firm name of Lord & Sudro. Their establishment was located where the cigar and tobacco store now stands. They carried on both a retail and wholesale business, and were very successful.

On accepting the nomination for sheriff of Lorain County, an office to which he was elected, Mr. Lord sold his interests to his partner, Sudro, and began his official duties in January, 1894. For four years he made an enviable record of efficiency and faithfulness to duty in this office. Mr. Lord cast his first vote for president in the fall of 1864 after coming to Elyria, and almost as a matter of course gave his support to Abraham Lincoln. Since then he has been steadfastly aligned with the republican party. In one of the Elyria papers there recently appeared an interesting comment on the old volunteer fire force of the city, in which Mr. Lord was mentioned as one of the four survivors of the forty who composed the old hook and ladder company of 1868. The old fire organization had many associations with the social life of the city, and everyone was interested in the conventions and tournaments at which contests were staged between various fire companies. Mr. Lord in those days was frequently called to duty with the ladder company and is now one of the oldest of the surviving company. The old fire truck which was built by John Topliff in 1869 for this company is still in good condition and is often taken to the volunteer conventions.

After leaving the office of sheriff for seven years Mr. Lord was en-

gaged in business as a telephone constructor. He erected plants throughout this county, at Columbia, Eaton, Grafton, LaGrange and Amherst, also installed plants at Medina and Berea. He was a member of the firm of Rawson & Company in this business. For about a year while in the telephone construction business he was at Joplin, Missouri, and while there acquired some interests in the zinc mines, but that never proved a profitable venture, and he has no very pleasant memories of the experience.

For the past eight years Mr. Lord has lived retired and usually spends about three months each summer with his son in Benzie County, Michigan. This son is a successful fruit grower, having about eighty acres devoted to apples, peaches and cherries, and during the last year he sold fourteen tons of cherries to the local canning factory. In 1902 Mr. Lord built his substantial home on West Avenue in Elyria. He is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons, with Elyria Lodge No. 103, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the Richard Allen Post, Grand Army of the Republic, has held all the offices, being now a past commander.

Mr. Lord's domestic life has been one peculiarly happy and on January 20, 1916, he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were married in Elyria at the old Methodist Episcopal parsonage. Louise L. Ward, who became his bride at that time, was born in Elyria, educated in that city, and is a daughter of James and Calista Ward, who were early settlers in Lorain County from Vermont. Her father was for many years a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Lord have two children living. Edward G. is the Michigan fruit farmer already mentioned. Pearl Louise lives at home in Elyria. Both were born in this city and received their education here, graduating from the high school when it was under the superintendence of the late Professor Parker. Another child, Burton H., died in 1871 when a year and a half old.

Joseph Martin Houff. The Houff-McNeil Company is one of the largest flour milling concerns around the southern shore of Lake Erie. It was organized at Lorain in May, 1911, with a capital stock of $60,000. The capital stock remains the same to the present writing and the company now has all the facilities for manufacture of grain products of the very highest quality. The main building is 40 by 70 feet, with a capacity of eighty barrels of flour per day. The modern roller process is employed exclusively, and about sixteen people have a place on the payroll. At the organization the first officers were: J. M. Houff, president; Adam Kolbe, vice president; and Miss Ida Houff, secretary and treasurer. The present officers are: J. M. Houff, president; William B. Thompson, vice president; and Mrs. Margaret C. McNeil, secretary and treasurer.

The company has the benefit of the experience and thorough business ability of Joseph M. Houff as its president. Mr. Houff has for many years been engaged in the grain trade, and is one of the successful manufacturers of Lorain County. He was born at Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, May 26, 1866, a son of Martin and Margaret (Maher) Houff. His father was a contractor. Mr. Houff as a boy attended the public schools at Bellevue, Ohio, and at the age of fifteen learned telegraphy and became an operator. From that he got into the grain business, buying and selling grain for ten years, but since August, 1904, has been in the milling industry, and was mainly responsible for organizing the Houff-McNeil Company and has brought the business to its present prosperous condition.

Carl G. Friday.

On February 2, 1892, Mr. Houff married Miss Christina Arnold, of York Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. To their marriage have been born seven children: Arnold, who is connected with the milling company at Lorain; Margaret, at home; Gordon; Gerald; Rachel; Jonathan; and Robert Hugh.

CARL G. FRIDAY. One of the oldest and at the same time one of the most progressive business houses of Elyria is that now conducted under the name of Friday & Thomas, a furniture and undertaking concern that has won a firmly-established place in the business history of the city. It was founded here in 1861 by the maternal grandfather of Carl G. Friday, the senior partner, Henry Rimbach, Sr., who was succeeded by his sons, Henry and George Rimbach, who conducted the business under the style of Rimbach Brothers. When they dissolved partnership Henry Rimbach, Jr., was alone in the business for eighteen years, or until his death, when it was continued by Ernest and George Rimbach, who restored the old name of Rimbach Brothers, it being carried on as such for six years. At the time of Ernest Rimbach's death, Carl G. Friday bought his interest from Mr. Rimbach's widow, the firm name then becoming Rimbach & Friday, which continued until, one year before his death, Mr. Rimbach sold his share in the enterprise to Glade B. Thomas, Friday, October 13, 1913, the firm then becoming, as at present, Friday & Thomas, the first time in more than fifty years that the name of Rimbach had not been connected with the establishment.

Carl G. Friday, senior member of the firm of Friday & Thomas, was born at Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio, February 14, 1881, and is a son of Charles F. and Anna M. (Rimbach) Friday. His father, a native of Germany, was about four years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, who settled at Elyria. Here the youth was reared and educated, and as a young man became identified with railroading, in which he has passed his entire career, having been for twenty-nine years in the employ of the New York Central Lines, first as fireman, and later, as at present, as locomotive engineer. Mrs. Friday was born, reared, educated and married at Elyria, and like her husband survives and is living in their comfortable home. They are the parents of three children, namely: Carl G., of Elyria; E. Louise, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Clara May, residing with her parents at Elyria. All three children were born and educated at Elyria, and E. Louise was given the advantages of a business course at Oberlin.

Carl G. Friday received only meager educational advantages in his youth, as his parents were in modest circumstances at that time, and the family needed the wages which he could earn. However, he was a bright, alert lad, possessing industry that caused him to take advantage of every opportunity and a retentive mind that made him an excellent scholar, and during the time he attended the German Lutheran schools he acquired an education far in advance of many of his fellows who enjoyed greater advantages. He was only fourteen years of age when he put aside his studies to accept his first position, employment at the old candy factory of Clark & Company, on Cheapside, located on the present site of Bivins' Walk-Over Boot and Shoe Store. Later he drove a delivery and grocery wagon for Seward & Goldberg, prior to the erection of the first Elyria Block, which was destroyed by fire, and which stood on the present site of the new Elyria Block. Mr. Friday's next employer was W. H. Smith, the West Side grocer, for whom he worked for five years, then entering the employ of the National Tube Company of South Lorain, where he was employed as chemist in the

chemical labratory for five years under W. B. N. Hawk, who is still chief chemist there and who remains as one of Mr. Friday's best friends.

Mr. Friday entered business on his own account at Elyria, in May, 1905, in partnership with George Rimbach, under the firm name of Rimbach & Friday, as before mentioned. At that time, in order to prepare himself for his new duties, he took a course at the Massachusetts College of Embalming, at Boston, from which he was duly graduated. He is also a graduate of the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming, of Chicago, Illinois, and received his state license from the Ohio State Board of Embalming Examiners in June, 1906.

In addition to carrying the largest stock of furniture at Elyria, the firm of Friday & Thomas conducts the leading undertaking business here. Mr. Friday is a thorough master of the art of embalming and has received letters from people in various parts of the United States where he has shipped bodies commending his work. The business has grown from a $10,000 per year concern, as when Mr. Friday came, to an enterprise doing a business annually of $50,000. The chapel and morgue are located at No. 580 Broad Street, while the furniture establishment is at No. 582, next door, and occupies two floors, in addition to which there are maintained three warehouses. Mr. Friday has charge of the undertaking department, while Mr. Thomas has full control of the furniture end of the business, although both are capable men in both directions and assist each other when necessary. The firm has the finest automobile funeral equipment in the northern part of Ohio, not excepting Cleveland, and has just purchased one of the finest automobile invalid carriages in the country. This is a combination of hearse and invalid carriage, with a full limousine front and very pleasing body design, being ornamented tastefully with hand-carving to relieve the plainness. The finish is a beautiful silver gray with gold striping, and the interior of the car is veneered with genuine mahogany. An adjustable invalid bed is included, one that may be taken up and down the average stairs. The chassis is the Riddle Coach & Hearse Company's, of Ravenna, Ohio, six-cylinder, forty-five horse-power, a motor which under severe tests has shown itself capable of traveling the worst roads in the country.

Mr. Friday is a member of the Ohio Funeral Directors' Association, and of various civic and social organizations at Elyria. Still a young man, he has gained such an excellent reputation in his native community that in 1915 the citizens of Elyria circulated a paper, with 200 signatures, boosting Mr. Friday for the mayoralty, and even in the face of Mr. Friday's prompt and decisive refusal tried for a long time to persuade him to be a candidate. However, he finally convinced them that it is his belief that public service and business are not congenial. Last year Mr. Friday served as treasurer of the Democratic Club, of which he is vice president at this time. He owns his own home at No. 123 West Bridge Street, which he erected in 1912.

On November 27, 1910, at Elyria, Mr. Friday was united in marriage with Miss R. Mae Arpin, of Alpena, Michigan, who was reared and educated in the city of her birth and is now well and popularly known in social circles of Elyria.

Glade B. Thomas. Among the business men of the younger generation at Elyria, one who has attained success through his own efforts and who occupies a substantial position and has a high reputation, is Glade B. Thomas, junior member of the undertaking and furniture concern of Friday & Thomas. Mr. Thomas was born in Union County, Ohio, July

4, 1884, and is a son of R. F. and Nattie A. (Bailey) Thomas, who both reside at Columbus, Ohio, R. F. Thomas being a funeral director of that city. The elder Thomas has been an undertaker at different locations in Ohio since 1889 and during this more than a quarter of a century has won and held his associates' regard and esteem by reason of his integrity and straightforward dealing. Both the parents were born in Logan County, Ohio. They have had four children: Glade B., who is the only son; and Fleeta, Mona and Tempa, who were educated in the public schools of the communities in which their parents have lived and who are now residing at home.

The public schools of Marion, Ohio, and Marion Business College furnished Glade B. Thomas with his education, but some time before his graduation from the latter institution he had received his introduction to business, having learned the art of embalming largely under the preceptorship of his father. In the spring of 1898, when he completed the embalmer's course and secured a certificate, he was not quite fourteen years of age and was the youngest certified embalmer in Ohio. He continued to be engaged with his father until 1905, when he entered the employ of the Cleveland Burial Case Company, as traveling salesman, selling undertakers' supplies. During the next six years he went over the states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and Michigan, or four separate and distinct territories. It is a significant fact that, starting in with the worst territory, he finished with the best the company had.

With the foregoing experience and preparation, in October, 1911, Mr. Thomas decided he was ready to enter upon a business career of his own, and accordingly accepted the opportunity offered of buying the interest of George Rimbach, in one of the oldest-established business enterprises of Elyria. This concern had been founded in 1861 by Henry Rimbach, Sr., who was shortly succeeded by his sons, Henry and George Rimbach, who carried on the business under the name of Rimbach Brothers. Later Henry Rimbach, Jr., conducted the business alone for eighteen years, and at his death Ernest and George Rimbach became the owners and restored the old name of Rimbach Brothers, which it kept for six years. Ernest Rimbach then died and Carl G. Friday bought his interest from the widow, the firm name then becoming Rimbach & Friday, which it continued until Mr. Thomas bought into the firm, which became Friday & Thomas, its present style. The firm now carries the largest stock of furniture at Elyria, Mr. Thomas being in charge of the furniture department, while Mr. Friday carries on the funeral directing. The business has steadily grown from modest proportions to a venture doing $50,000 worth of business annually, having a modern chapel and morgue at No. 580 Broad Street, with the furniture store next door, at No. 582, where it occupies two floors, in addition to which the firm maintains three warehouses. The firm also has the finest funeral automobile equipment in the northern part of this state, and this does not except the City of Cleveland. In it is what is considered the most complete and up-to-date combination of hearse and invalid carriage in the country, a vehicle manufactured for this concern by the Riddle Coach and Hearse Company, of Ravenna, Ohio. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Ohio Funeral Directors' Association. He has been prominent in the business life of Elyria as a promoter of movements for the welfare of the city's commercial and industrial interests, having been a member of the industrial committee of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce for two years, and at this time being a member of the publicity committee of that body. Fraternally, he is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of

Elyria, and the various bodies of Masonry up to and including Al Koran Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland; and the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Phythias.

On April 11, 1911, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Frances Zeiner, who was born and educated at Jamestown, Ohio, and they have two daughters, Una Clare and Martha Fleeta, both born at Elyria.

THEODORE CHRIST GOW. A practical electrician by trade, Theodore C. Gow has applied his knowledge to a capable performance while in the employ of others, and now for a number of years has been an independent business man and is head of the Parkside Auto Company at Lorain.

Born on a farm in Elyria Township of Lorain County July 13, 1871, he is a son of Henry and Hannah Gow, both of whom were born in Germany and came to the United States in 1866. Though reared on a farm and educated in country schools, Mr. Gow has spent all his active career in the industrial centers of Lorain County. Learning the electrical trade, he was in the employ of the National Tube Company of Lorain for eleven years, and then became one of the interested parties in the Lorain Electric and Automobile Company, of which he was president for eleven years. On selling out his interests in that concern in September, 1914, Mr. Gow organized the Parkside Auto Company, and built for it a brick and cement fireproof garage and shop at Washington and West Erie avenues in Lorain. This company now handles the agency for the Chalmers and Dodge Bros. cars, and carries on a large business with its capitalization of $10,000. Mr. Gow is well known among automobile men, is a very popular citizen in Lorain, and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

In September, 1896, he married Elizabeth Geist of Erie County, Ohio. They are the parents of four children: Irving Frank, Harold Paul, Lester Carl and Gladys May. Mr. Gow and family are members of the German Evangelical Church. He is a republican in politics and a member of the board of commerce.

CHARLES E. TUCKER. There are few offices that furnish greater opportunities for real and substantial service to a community than that of mayor in a thriving commercial city like Elyria. While the present incumbent of that office, Mr. Tucker, has made an admirable record as a business man in this city and was also for eight years county recorder, it is probable that his most lasting claim to local distinction will rest upon his able, conscientious, efficient and economical administration as mayor of Elyria.

First elected to that office in 1911, and now a candidate on an independent ticket for re-election, Mr. Tucker has been a real executive, has devoted himself without reserve to the practical needs of the city, and has performed his exact duties both in the letter and spirit regardless of political consideration.

Perhaps the soundest testimonial to his service is found in the hearty response given to his present candidacy for re-election. Recently The Elyria Democrat, in a strong editorial, explained its position in urging the re-election of Mayor Tucker instead of the regular democratic nominee. After stating the cardinal principle that party politics should have as little influence as possible in the selection of candidates to municipal offices, the editorial continued: "The city of Elyria is in a position where everything must soon be put on the most economical basis. That means every department must be run at a maximum of effiicency. Now, does it appeal to anybody of good judgment that a

good official who has worked towards that end and made good, should be turned out simply because a party candidate wants to win for his party's advantage? Mr. Tucker has made a good mayor. He has attended to the work faithfully and his appointees have been men of ability and judgment and the city has had better service through their efforts than it has enjoyed for years. Why should the voters throw him out and put in an entirely new set of men who will experiment on different lines and then in turn likely be thrown out in two years? This does not make towards an economical and intelligent administration of city affairs. Mr. Tucker is honest, industrious and capable. Keep him in for four years if possible."

Lorain County was Mayor Tucker's birthplace. He was born in Carlisle Township February 11, 1860, a son of the late William H. and Clarissa (Andrews) Tucker. His mother died at Elyria January 20, 1870, and his father passed away May 22, 1902. William H. Tucker was born March 21, 1826, in Windham, Portage County, Ohio, the youngest son of Jacob and Chloe Tucker. As a boy he removed with his parents to Lorain County, the family settling in the woods of what is now Eaton Township. It was a time when the public school system had not yet been fairly started, though he received advantages as liberal as most boys of that time. As the result of his hard work and close savings he afterwards completed a higher education in a select school at Ridgeville. For many years his work was as a teacher, and many of the older men and women of Lorain County recall with gratitude his influence on their early lives. This occupation he followed for twenty-two years, in different parts of Ohio. In 1864 he was elected recorder of Lorain County, a position he held by re-election for nine consecutive years, finally retiring from the office in 1874. In the meantime he had taken up the study of law, and on retiring from the recorder's office was admitted to the bar during a session of the District Court at Cleveland. From 1864 until the close of his life, William H. Tucker was a resident of Elyria, and as a lawyer he enjoyed a substantial practice. He was also prominent in the organization at Elyria of the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Honor, and in those two fraternities filled the highest positions in the State of Ohio.

Charles E. Tucker grew up in Elyria, attended the common schools, but his practical career of self-support began in 1873, when he was only thirteen years old. In 1882 he became an employe of the late John W. Hart in the lumber and planing mill industry. In 1892 Mr. Tucker and L. J. Hart, a son of John W. Hart, bought the entire plant from the latter's father, and these two men developed the business and made it one of the principal supply centers for lumber and building material in Lorain County. L. J. Hart is now a resident of New York City. Mr. Tucker was engaged in the lumber business until 1901. In 1904 he organized The Lorain County Abstract Company, and is still its secretary-treasurer. This business has its offices at 212 Middle Avenue in Elyria.

Nearly twenty years after his father had retired from the office of county recorder, Charles E. Tucker was elected to the same office, and served three terms, from 1902 to 1909. Fraternally he is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and with Elyria Lodge No. 465 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On September 20, 1882, Mr. Tucker married Miss Hatty E. Hart, daughter of the late John W. and Caroline O. Hart.

Alvin J. Plocher. Few of the younger generation of business men in Lorain County have made their abilities count more quickly in the

business world than Alvin J. Plocher, now assistant secretary of the Lorain County Banking Company at Elyria.

He was born in Elyria August 10, 1885, a son of Christian W. and Olive E. Plocher. He attended the public schools of his native city, and was graduated from high school in June, 1902, at the age of seventeen. During his school years he assisted in paying his way by employment at any task which a boy of his years could perform and in such capacities as were offered by a small town. He was always faithful and reliable in even these small duties, and his sturdy independence won him many friends among his schoolmates.

On graduating from high school he applied for and received the position of bookkeeper in the Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Company of Elyria, a position he filled to the entire satisfaction of the officers for one year. At the end of that time, in 1903, he was offered a similar place at the Lorain County Banking Company. He went with this company and has continued in its employ up to the present time, a period of twelve years. On account of his fidelity and untiring service in behalf of the bank, he has from time to time been promoted and has held the positions of teller, assistant cashier and secretary, his connection with that institution at the present time being in the latter capacity. Mr. Plocher has a pleasant and genial way of meeting the customers of the bank and all other persons with whom he comes in contact, and this trait makes him a valuable man for any business position. From his known ability as a banker and accountant and from his popularity among the citizens of Elyria, he was elected in 1913, treasurer of the city. Of the five city candidates, he was paid the deserved compliment of an uncontested nomination. For the other four offices lively contests took place, especially for those of auditor and of solicitor. Mr. Plocher is known to practically every citizen and taxpayer of Elyria. His public work is as creditable as that which he has long performed in the bank, and has increased the honors with which his name is associated. He is now treasurer of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Plocher early became interested in Masonry, and is a member and past master of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a member of Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons; Elyria Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masters; a member and treasurer of Elyria Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar; and also belongs to Al Koran Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Elyria.

Socially Mr. Plocher is a genial and companionable neighbor and friend, and takes an active part in all social functions which he attends. He is a growing man in the community in which he lives, and has a host of admiring friends who hold him in the highest esteem.

JOHN T. JELLEY. Since 1894 Mr. Jelley has maintained his residence in the City of Lorain and has been a valued executive in connection with the extensive operations of one of the important industrial plants of the city, that of the National Tube Company, originally the Johnson Company, which is engaged in the manufacturing of steel products. He has held since 1897 the position of superintendent of the company's brick-construction department, is a skilled artisan as a brick mason, is a straightforward, energetic and reliable business man and is a progressive and loyal citizen who has won unqualified esteem in the city which has represented his home for nearly a score of years.

A scion of a sterling old family of the Keystone State, John Thomas Jelley was born at Danville, the judicial center of Montour County, Pennsylvania, and the date of his nativity was June 14, 1856. He is a

J. T. Jelley

son of Richard and Mary (Conebear) Jelley, who continued their residence in that state until their death, the father having been a shoemaker by trade and vocation. The public schools of Pennsylvania afforded to John T. Jelley his early educational advantages, and as a youth he served a thorough apprenticeship to the trade of brick mason. As a journeyman workman he was thereafter in the employ of the great Cambria Iron Company of Pennsylvania, and in 1881, as a young man of about twenty-five years, he went to Pueblo, Colorado, where he continued until 1887, in charge of the company's brick department. He severed this association in May, 1887, and then returned to Pennsylvania and entered the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company, at Braddock. He thus continued his activities in his native state until 1894, when he came to Lorain, Ohio, and assisted in the erection of the original plant of the Johnson Company, with which important industrial corporation he has since been identified and with which he has held since 1897 the superintendency of the brick-construction department, as previously noted.

As a loyal and broad-minded citizen Mr. Jelley has not denied his service in connection with general community affairs, as shown by the fact that for eight years he was a member of the board of education of Lorain, of which body he was president for two years of this period. He is a republican in political allegiance, and is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the chapter of Royal Arch Masons, both of Pueblo, Colorado.

On the 5th of January, 1882, Mr. Jelley wedded Miss Clara Bennett, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in which state she was reared and educated. Concerning the children of this union the following brief data are given in conclusion of this article: Mabel is the wife of Frank A. Eyman, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, her husband there holding the position of physical director in the Carnegie Institute of Technology; Eleanor Bennett Jelley is a teacher of domestic science in the public schools of the City of Cleveland; Dr. Herbert Charles Jelley is a dentist by profession and is established in successful practice at Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; and Miss Sarah Langman Jelley remains at the parental home and is a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of Lorain.

E. Cameron, M. D. The late Doctor Cameron, whose death occurred at Elyria, October 8, 1914, while serving as county coroner, possessed and exercised many qualities of mind and manhood which his community could ill afford to lose. He stood for the best things of life, was not only a successful physician, but also a deep and thorough student of medicine, and was a gentleman of the highest type and a social leader in the best sense of the term. He was identified with Lorain County for twenty years, and his work in that time deserves the recognition of a permanent memorial.

Of Canadian birth and ancestry, he was born at Albani, Prince Edward's Island, August 1, 1847. He was a graduate from the medical department of Bowdoin College in the State of Maine, took post-graduate work at Harvard University, at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, and all his life was devoted to study and research so that he never considered his education ended. For a number of years he practiced medicine in Canada, and in 1894 located in the City of Lorain, which was the center of his growing practice for a number of years. In November, 1912, he was elected on the republican ticket as coroner of Lorain County, and in order to perform the duties of that office he removed to Elyria in January, 1913. As a coroner he discharged his duties faithfully, was a most capable official, was deeply interested in

public affairs, and in all his relations maintained his high ideals, an unblemished character, and was a man of thorough public spirit.

Doctor Cameron was one of the founders of The Lorain County Medical Society. He also belonged to The Ohio State Medical Society and The American Medical Association, and from May, 1899, had been affiliated with Easton Lodge No. 7, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Eastport, Maine. He attended the First Congregational Church of Elyria and was a member of the Men's Club of that church. For a number of terms he filled the offices of president and vice president of The Lorain County Medical Society.

Doctor Cameron's first wife died at Grand Manan, Canada, in February, 1892. Three of their children died there in infancy. Doctor Cameron's only son is Dr. R. L. Cameron, who is now head surgeon at The Republican Rubber Company in Youngstown, Ohio. He also has two daughters: Mrs. R. G. Chapman, whose husband is a barrister at Winnipeg, Canada; and Mrs. R. R. J. Brown, whose husband is also a member of the bar at Winnipeg. Mr. Brown is also a major in a Canadian regiment, and is now expected to be called to the front almost any day. Doctor Cameron is also survived by seven grandchildren.

On September 16, 1908, at Elyria, Doctor Cameron married Mrs. Bena Woodruff. She is a daughter of F. F. and Marie (Martin) Kuhlow. Her parents were born and married in Germany, and in 1881 came to Lorain County and bought a homestead of fifty acres situated within the city limits of Elyria. Mrs. Cameron now owns that old homestead, and is still occupying it as her home, and it was also their home during the life of Doctor Cameron.

William Seher. During the past score of years Mr. Seher has been a prominent and representative figure in connection with the industrial and civic activities of the City of Lorain, and his has been a dominating force in the furtherance of enterprises that have contributed much to the commercial precedence of the city, the while he has shown the loyalty and progressive spirit that ever indicate the best ideals of citizenship. He is manager of the Lorain Brewing Company, which was organized in 1903 and which is a branch of the Cleveland & Sandusky Brewing Company, as agent of which he came to Lorain in 1895. The local company has a modern plant of the best equipment and facilities and with an output capacity of 50,000 barrels per annum. In connection with the operation of the plant about thirty persons are employed, and the excellence of the product has gained to the establishment a large and prosperous trade throughout Lorain and county and other counties in this section of the state. Mr. Seher continued as agent for the Cleveland & Sandusky Brewing Company at Lorain until the organization of the Lorain Company, as a branch of the former, since which time he has held his present position, that of general manager. He is president of the Lorain Crystal Ice Company, of which admirable Lorain institution further mention is made on other pages, in the sketch of the career of its general manager, Albert A. Plato. Mr. Seher is a member of the directorate of the National Bank of Commerce of Lorain, Ohio, one of the strongest financial institutions in Lorain County, and is one of the most active and influential members of the Lorain Board of Commerce, of which he is second vice president.

William Seher was born in the City of Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, on the 24th of January, 1868, and is a son of Frederick W. and Carolena Maria (Brecher) Seher, his father being a representative real estate broker and pension agent in the City of Sandusky. Frederick W. Seher was born and reared in Germany and came to America about

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the year 1860. He soon afterward found opportunity to signalize his intrinsic loyalty to the land of his adoption, for he tendered his service in defense of the Union and was a gallant and faithful soldier in the Civil war, in which he served two years, as a member of Company C, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

The excellent public schools of Sandusky afforded to William Seher his early educational advantages, which were supplemented by a course in a business college in that city. He then assumed a clerical position with a Sandusky ice company, and upon the establishing of the electric street railway system in his native city he was the fifth man to be engaged as motorman for the new company, in the service of which he continued six years. One the 1st of October, 1895, Mr. Seher came to Lorain as agent for the Cleveland & Sandusky Brewing Company, and concerning his business activities since that time adequate mention has already been made in this article.

Mr. Seher is a popular factor in both business and social circles in Lorain and is known for his buoyant, whole-souled nature and cheery optimism. He is a charter member of the Lorain Lodge, No. 1301, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, besides which he is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose and is a representative member of the Lorain Liedertafel.

On the 25th of September, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Seher to Miss Emma Motry of Sandusky, and they have two children—Norma and William Frank, both of whom remain at the parental home and the latter of whom is bookkeeper for the Lorain Brewing Company.

Ephraim Keyes Carpenter. On other pages is published an interesting record concerning the prominent early settlers of Avon Township, as reproduced from an article written and read at the centennial anniversary of the first settlement of Avon, this celebration having been held in 1914. In this article, written by Horace J. Cahoon of Elyria, a descendant of one of the old-time families of that township, mention was made of E. K. Carpenter and wife as a pioneer couple who made their influence definitely count in this new country. Keyes Carpenter, as he was always known, was in fact a man whose industry, wholesome character, and private and public activities would comprise a valuable influence in any locality. It is only a matter of just due that some permanent record should be made of his life, especially as it affects Lorain County.

Born in Lee Township, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, December 29, 1799, Ephraim Keyes Carpenter was a son of Levi and Hannah (Keyes) Carpenter. The sources of his early training anad education are not a matter of record, but the facts of his later life show ample evidence of a wholesome development of character and a considerable knowledge of books and the world. About the time he attained his majority he set out with a boy companion, Hosea Harris, for the new country of Northern Ohio. These two young men walked practically all the way to Lorain County. The only exception was one day when they were supposed to ride on a stage, but as a matter of fact they carried stakes most of the day and helped pry the coach out of the mud. The destination of Keyes Carpenter was his uncle's home in Lorain County. It was in honor of his uncle that Mr. Carpenter was named. Arriving in Avon, he worked for his uncle and gradually paid for the fifty acres of new land which he secured as the nucleus of the old Carpenter homestead in Avon Township.

It was in 1819 that Keyes Carpenter came to Ohio. He was then not quite twenty-one, and had bought his time from his father on leaving home, and his entire capital on reaching Ohio was $20. For the fifty

acres above mentioned the purchase price was $5 per acre, and it took considerable time to pay for this land. He possessed great industry, was very enterprising and successful as a farmer and he gradually increased his holdings in Avon from 50 acres to 150 acres. In 1832 he built the old frame house on the farm in Avon, and that house, now one of the oldest and most interesting landmarks of the early days, is still standing and in good repair, and is the home of John B. Dechant, who now owns a part of what was the old Carpenter farm.

After a residence in Lorain County of more than forty years E. K. Carpenter sold his farm in Avon Township to Bartel Thome. Record of the sale and deed was dated April 23, 1863. The old farm is located on Stony Ridge Road in Avon, not far from French Creek. After disposing of his property in Lorain County, Mr. Carpenter moved with his family to East Gilead in Branch County, Michigan. He bought 120 acres of good land in that picturesque and attractive section of one of Southern Michigan's finest counties. The old house on the Michigan farm had been built a number of years before, and still stands today in good condition.

Mr. Carpenter once served as township trustee in Avon Township, and for a long time was road supervisor. For a number of years he steadily supported the whig candidates in politics, and became a republican upon the organization of that party. Outside of his work as a farmer and home maker, he was probably best known for his activities as a churchman. He was a charter member of the Avon Methodist Episcopal Church, was a class leader from its beginning for fully forty years, and was also a licensed exhorter and local preacher. He was one of the men who helped to build up churches and extend religious influences in the old Western Reserve of Ohio. In the absence of regular preachers or missionaries he frequently held meetings in his neighborhood, and the Carpenter home was often the scene of gatherings for prayer and Bible reading. After moving to Michigan he became a member and active worker in the Evangelical Church at East Gilead. He was a good man through and through, highly respected in any community where he resided, and members of the present generation who enjoy an unexampled prosperity which the sacrifices of such pioneers made possible may well pay a tribute of gratitude to such early settlers as Keyes Carpenter.

E. K. Carpenter died at East Gilead, Branch County, Michigan, February 9, 1869. In Avon Township, Lorain County, Ohio, he met and married Miss Lavina Carly Cooper, a daughter of David and Polly Cooper, all of whom were born in New York State. David Cooper, her father, died at Troy, Ashland County, Ohio, and is buried there. His wife, Polly Cooper, died in Steuben County, Indiana, and is buried at Lake Gage, Indiana. Mrs. E. K. Carpenter died September 29, 1863, shortly after the family arrived in Michigan. Both she and her husband now rest in the cemetery at East Gilead. Their children were named Orin Gilmore, Julia Etta, Sarepta Cordelia, Tressa Melissa, Theodore Jasper, Luke Johnson, Charles Norton, all of whom grew to maturity. These children were all born in the old house which is still standing on the farm in Avon Township. The four who are still living are: Tressa Melissa Warriner, of Steuben County, Indiana; Theodore Jasper Carpenter, of East Gilead, Branch County, Michigan; Luke Johnson Carpenter, of East Gilead, Branch County, Michigan; and Charles Norton Carpenter, of Jonesville, Michigan.

David Thomas. One of the few citizens of this immediate section of the Buckeye State who can claim as his place of nativity the rugged and picturesque district of the northwestern part of Wales, is David Thomas,

who is a skilled mechanic and who has made an admirable record in his chosen sphere of constructive industry. He is now living virtually retired in the City of Lorain, where for twenty-three years he was in the employ of the corporation at present known as the National Tube Company. He has also served as justice of the peace and is a sterling citizen to whom is accorded the fullest measure of popular confidence and good will in the community that has represented his home for the past score of years.

David Thomas was born in Carnarvonshire, Wales, on the 9th of October, 1839, and is a scion of one of the old and honored families of that section of Great Britain. In his native land Mr. Thomas gained his early education and there also he served a most thorough apprenticeship to the trade of machinist, in which he became a skilled artisan.

In Wales Mr. Thomas continued in the work of his trade until 1887, when he came with his family to the United States and established his home at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he found profitable employment as a machinist and where he remained six years. In 1895 he removed with his family to Ohio, where he has since continued his residence in the City of Lorain, and where for nearly a quarter of a century he was retained as one of the expert and valued machinists and minor executives in the manufactory now controlled by the great corporation designated as the National Tube Company.

As a naturalized citizen of the United States Mr. Thomas is found aligned as a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the republican party, and his mature judgment and sterling integrity made him especially eligible for the office of justice of the peace to which he was elected in 1912, and of which he was the efficient incumbent until January 1, 1916—an office which his administration has made to justify its name, in the conserving of justice and the preservation of peace and good will. Mr. Thomas is zealously affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which he has received the chivalric degrees and holds membership in Lorain Commandery, Knights Templars, besides which he is affiliated also with the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Reared in the faith of the established Church of England, Mr. Thomas and his wife are communicants of its American counterpart, the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On the 3d of August, 1863, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Thomas to Miss Emily Hill, who likewise was born and reared in Wales and who has proved a devoted companion and helpmeet to him during the long intervening period of more than half a century. Of their children four are living—William James and David John, both of whom reside in Lorain; Arthur, who maintains his home at Elyria, the county seat; and Gwillymn Ernest, who resides at Lorain, so that the venerable parents have the satisfaction of having all of their children within close proximity, all of the sons being well established in life and all paying to their father and mother the deepest of filial solicitude.

Horace J. Cahoon. Civilized man, with his institutions of home, school and church, with his implements of husbandry and industry, and with his forward looking efforts for continued improvement and betterment, has been established in Avon Township now for a little more than a century. Without trespassing any further the domain of this history, which has been so well told on other pages, the following paragraphs will be devoted primarily to some account of the Cahoon family, which was distinguished for making the first permanent settlement in Avon and which among other worthy and excellent citizens includes the membership of Horace J. Cahoon, who is himself one of the oldest living native

sons of Avon and has been a prominent figure in the public life of Lorain County and has done much to cherish among the present generation a proper regard for the interesting associations of the past.

Horace J. Cahoon was born in Avon Township May 11, 1837, and is a son of Ora B. and Jane T. (Jameson) Cahoon and a grandson of Wilbur and Priscilla (Sweet) Cahoon.

The family was established in Avon by Wilbur Cahoon, who was born in Hancock Township, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, December 27, 1772, but for a number of years he and his wife, Priscilla, lived in Saulsbury Township of Herkimer County, New York, in which locality all their children but one were born. It was in the year 1814 that these worthy people, participating in that great westward movement which began about the close of the second war with Great Britain, left New York State for the far West. Wilbur Cahoon traded his 100 acres of land in Herkimer County for a tract of 800 acres, all covered with heavy forests in what is now Avon Township of Lorain County. Arriving here with his family after the numberless difficulties of travel in such times and circumstances, he established such rude accommodations as conditions permitted for his first home. A few years later in 1825 he erected the first frame house that was built in Avon. The tract of land which thus early came into the possession of the Cahoon family was in 1814 so isolated that in order to reach it Wilbur had to cut a trail for eight miles through the woods. Not until some time afterwards was a single settlement planted between the Cahoon habitation and the little hamlet at Cleveland, Ohio. What is now a great city at that time had only thirty houses. Wilbur Cahoon's distinction in the early history of Avon does not rest entirely upon his being the advance guard of the first settlers. His character and activities would have made him influential in any country. He was one of the early members of the whig party and was the first justice of the peace elected for the jurisdiction now divided among the townships of Avon, Sheffield and Dover, all of which country was at that time one township, Dover being now in the county to the east of Lorain. There were only two justices of the peace, and the other was Isaac Burrell. Wilbur Cahoon and wife were charter members of the first Baptist Church established in Avon, and until a proper church edifice could be built meetings were frequently held at their home. Though he thus played a large and influential part in the early life of Avon, Wilbur Cahoon had lived there only twelve years until his death on September 27, 1826. His wife, Priscilla (Sweet) Cahoon, was born in Rhode Island, and died in Avon May 2, 1855, both having been laid to rest side by side in the old township. They were the parents of eight children, and all but one lived beyond middle age. Susan, the oldest, who died in Florence Township, Huron County, December 16, 1880, married Harley Mason. Jesse S. died in Avon February 28, 1836. Wilbur, Jr., died in California September 9, 1852. Ora B., father of Horace J. above mentioned, died on the old homestead in Avon March 17, 1881. Orra, who died in Avon April 18, 1875, was the wife of Henry Titus. Hulda died at the age of sixteen on July 16, 1826, the same year of her father's death. Nancy M., who was the wife of John Steel, died August 27, 1851, in Amhurst Township. All these children were born back in Herkimer County, and it was the distinction of the youngest of the family, Leonard, to be the first white child born in Avon Township. Leonard died in Avon May 3, 1890.

Ora B. Cahoon, through whom this sketch of the family relationship is continued, was born in Herkimer County, New York, May 25, 1804, and was almost seventy-seven years of age at the time of his death. As a boy of ten years he retained many recollections of the interesting jour-

ney which brought himself and other members of the family from New York State to Lorain County. A trip around the world in modern times is fraught with not half the difficulties which attended a migration from one of the eastern to one of the states of the Ohio Valley a century ago. It required the Cahoon family a month of tedious travel. The first objective point in their migration was Dover in Cuyahoga County, where Wilbur Cahoon had a brother, Joseph, who in the local history of Dover is likewise distinguished as the first settler, having located there in 1810. After a visit at Joseph's home the family came on to their chosen spot in the Northern Ohio wilderness in Avon. Ora B. Cahoon had attended school in Herkimer County and also had the limited advantages afforded by some of the first district schools in Avon. His life was spent as a farmer, and his home was a portion of his father's old estate in Avon. For a number of years his fellow citizens in that township honored him with the office of trustee. In politics until the advocation of the slavery question became acute he was a regular democrat, but his views changed about war time and as a republican he gave his support to the grand old party until his death. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church in Avon. On December 10, 1834, Ora B. Cahoon married Miss Jane T. Jameson in Avon. She died August 29, 1890, having survived her husband several years. She was a daughter of Joseph B. and Thankful (Smith) Jameson, who came to Avon from Monroe County, New York, in 1820. In the family of Ora B. Cahoon and wife were seven children, six sons and one daughter, all of whom reached maturity. The oldest of these is Horace J. Melissa A., who died at her home in Avon March 30, 1884, was the wife of James M. Lent. Joseph B. still occupies a portion of the old Cahoon homestead in Avon. Wilbur D. died in California in March, 1912. Ora B., Jr., also died in California February 11, 1890. Burritt E. lives in Monterey County, California, and in the same county lives his brother Charles S.

The early life of Horace J. Cahoon was spent in that environment and times which represented the middle period between the conditions of the true pioneer epoch and the great progressive age of modern years. He attended the public schools of his native township, grew up on a farm, and his practical career was that of a farmer until his fellow citizens of the county required his services elsewhere. At the fall election of 1891 he was elected county recorder and assumed the duties of that position January 1, 1892. He was twice re-elected as his own successor in office and thus served three regular terms. Owing to a change in the law making some new provisions as to the length of terms in county offices, he was appointed at the conclusion of his third term for eight months of service until the beginning of the new term under revised conditions. Thus for nine years eight months he was continuously county recorder of Lorain County. From 1907 to 1913 inclusive Mr. Cahoon was clerk of the Board of Review at Elyria. Before removing to Elyria, the county seat, he served one term as justice of the peace in Avon and for fifteen years was personal property assessor of that township and also held the offices of school director and clerk of the board.

A public record of Mr. Cahoon would not be complete without reference to his experiences as a soldier in the Civil war. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E of the Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a regiment which was distinguished by having as first colonel James A. Garfield, later President of the United States. This regiment was attached to the southwestern army, and during most of its service operated along the Mississippi River. Mr. Cahoon had a part in the strenuous campaign leading up to the siege and capture of Vicksburg, and was present at the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou when the army of Sherman was repulsed in 1863. He was also at Arkansas Post when that point

was wrested from the control of the Confederates, and was soon afterward taken ill and sent to hospital at Jefferson barracks in St. Louis. He was discharged from hospital March 25, 1863, and sent home after nearly eight months of life as a soldier. He then resumed the labors of peace on the old farm.

Mr. Cahoon has had his residence in Elyria since 1892. He is a member of the Richard Allen Post No. 65, Grand Army of the Republic, and was its quartermaster two years. He attends and is a supporter of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Elyria, of which his wife is a member.

On February 10, 1861, in Avon, Mr. Cahoon married Miss Elizabeth Lucas, daughter of Jonathan and Ann (Ire) Lucas. Mrs. Cahoon was born in Avon, and her parents were born and reared in England, having come to Avon in 1831. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cahoon were born five children. Carrie L., who was born and received part of her education in Avon, also took a course in the Normal at Milton, was a popular teacher for several years in Avon, Ridgeville and Sheffield, and for nearly nineteen years was a clerk in the county recorder's office up to 1912, and is now living at home. Ella S., the widow of Don Johnson, lives on her farm with her family in Elyria Township. The son Fred W. also lives at home. Maud, who lives at home, has for the past twenty-three years been a clerk in the county recorder's office, having entered that office under her father. Anna B., who died December 12, 1903, was the wife of Claud Poyer. All the children were natives of Avon Township and received at least part of their education there.

On September 10, 1914, the descendants of the original settlers of Avon Township celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the first settlement and Mr. Cahoon was chosen historian of the occasion and prepared and read a historical account of Avon which appears elsewhere in this history.

William E. Cahoon. Bearing a name that has many intimate relations with the early settlement of Lorain and Cuyahoga counties, William E. Cahoon was for many years actively identified with merchandising and with public affairs in Elyria, was a veteran of the Civil war, and the memory which he left behind him was that of a thoroughly capable citizen, honest and true and steadfast in any position to which duty called him, and the type of man who makes any community the better for his presence.

He was born in Elyria May 15, 1846. His parents were William O. and Melissa (Eldred) Cahoon. His maternal grandfather, Judge Eldred, settled at Ridgeville in Lorain County as early as 1812. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Cahoon, settled in Dover Township of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1810, and was the first actual permanent settler in that township, where he lived and died on a farm. William O. Cahoon was born in the State of New York and was only two years of age when his parents settled in Dover Township at Cuyahoga County in 1810. He lived there until he was about seventeen years of age, then went to the southern part of the state for a year or so, and on returning to the North located at Elyria in 1835, and made his home in that city until his death. He passed away in Elyria in 1878. In politics he was a republican and a free soiler, and in religion a Methodist. His wife died at Elyria in 1888. There were six children who lived to grow up, five sons and one daughter. The only one now living is Charles A. Cahoon, deputy sheriff of Lorain County and a resident of Elyria. The oldest son, E. A. Cahoon, was a member of Battery E, First Ohio Artillery, and served two and a half years with that command until his honorable discharge.

The late W. E. Cahoon acquired his early education in the graded schools in Elyria, and the first business in which he regularly engaged was the stove and tinware business at Elyria. He followed that for eight years, being located on West Broad Street where the Elyria Block now stands.

In the meantime he had made a record as a soldier. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company K of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for the 100 days' service. His regiment was sent East and saw some campaigning in Virginia and Maryland, being stationed at Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg and Maryland Heights, and participating in the fight at John Brown's Schoolhouse. On his return home from the army Mr. Cahoon learned the trade of tinner, and followed this altogether for about twelve years. On Decoration Day, 1874, while assisting in firing off a cannon he accidentally lost his right arm, and this interfered so much with his active work that he closed up his business in 1878.

In 1875 Mr. Cahoon was elected assessor of Elyria Township, and filled that office four consecutive years. In 1882 he was elected county recorder of Lorain County, and filled that position until January 1, 1892. After that he was engaged in business as an abstractor of titles until his death. He filled the office of county recorder three successive terms. This gave him an unusual knowledge of local titles, and he did a great deal of work in looking up abstracts for others. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Royal Arcanum.

On July 30, 1874, Mr. Cahoon married Mrs. Maria P. (Bush) Tyler of Cleveland, a daughter of Rev. E. H. Bush, who was a Methodist minister at Cleveland, but is now deceased. Mrs. Cahoon, who is still living in Elyria, was born in Fremont, Ohio, a daughter of Rev. Eurotus H. and Mary (Goodsell) Bush, both of whom were born in Rochester, New York. In politics the late Mr. Cahoon was a stanch republican and did much to promote the interests of his party in Lorain County and was a citizen whose support could always be depended upon to forward those interests most closely in harmony with real and substantial welfare.

Stanley Addison Ault. Among the business men of Lorain, none stands higher either in business reputation or in social character than Stanley Addison Ault, vice president and general manager of the Hoffman Heater Company. While still in the prime of life, he has by his energy and steadfastness of purpose obtained a name in the commercial world well worthy of his labors and of which he has the strongest reasons to be proud.

Mr. Ault is a product of the farm, having been born on his father's homestead at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, March 2, 1870, a son of Reason and Catherine (Comer) Ault. He was educated in the public schools of his native vicinity and brought up in the atmosphere of the farm, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until reaching the age of twenty-four years, when he decided upon a business career. At that time he became a solicitor for life insurance, and after working in his native place for four years came to Lorain, in 1898, where he believed he would find a better field. Mr. Ault continued to work as a life insurance salesman, representing various concerns until he entered the service of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, in which he rapidly rose to be district manager for Ohio. He left that position in 1907 to become manager of the Lorain and Elyria Ice and Coal Company, a capacity in which he acted for one year, and in 1908 joined the Hoffman Heater Company as traveling salesman. Mr. Ault was successful in this line, and when the company was incorporated, in 1911, he was made vice president and general manager, positions which he has since retained.

The Hoffman Heater Company, whose slogan "We Start the Fire With Water," is now known all over the country, was incorporated in 1905, with a capital of $25,000, and at that time was housed in a building consisting of 4,000 square feet of floor space, employing a force of five men. Some idea of the great growth and development of the industry, during the ten years of its existence, may be gained from the facts that it is now a $100,000 corporation, with a floor space of 40,000 square feet, all on the ground floor, and employs on an average of more than ninety people. The plant is modern in structure and equipment, and includes its own brass foundry in which all the brass used in the manufacture of the product is made, and its own japanning plant for the japanning of castings; the company also owns its own land. All kinds of gas-fired water heaters are manufactured and the product of the company has gained a wide and substantial reputation. In 1915 the concern secured the contract for furnishing all heaters for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company at San Francisco, where, June 11, 1915, the company was awarded the medal of honor on its entire line exhibited at the fair. The present officers of the company are: A. H. Babcock, president; S. A. Ault, vice president and general manager; and J. M. Jones, secretary and treasurer. In addition to discharging the duties of his positions with this company, Mr. Ault is also concerned in a like manner with the Troike Muffler and Manufacturing Company, of Lorain, as vice president and general manager. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in Masonry is a Knight Templar and Shriner.

Mr. Ault was married March 2, 1892, to Miss Ella M. Wheeler, of Chillicothe, Ohio, and they are the parents of five children, namely: Clarence W., Harold G., Merle S., Marguerite G. and Janice Jeanette.

William Whitney. There is no little significance in the motto which Mr. Whitney used during his campaign as republican nominee for sheriff of Lorain County in 1914. "Bill Whitney always knows you" suggests one of the qualifications most needed in political life, and in this case the reverse of the motto was also true, since practically every responsible citizen of Lorain County knows Bill Whitney. The citizens of Elyria knew him on account of his fourteen years of capable and efficient service on the police force, and the people of the county at large are now becoming well acquainted with his admirable management of the office of sheriff. Sheriff Whitney is by no means a passive factor in the civic life of his home county. His name everywhere suggests the character of an upright citizen, and he has been a vigorous force in behalf of clean politics, and like his father is strongly opposed to the domination of the saloon element.

William Whitney was born in Camden, Lorain County, Ohio, within seven miles of the University Town of Oberlin, May 13, 1874. His parents are Thomas and Philena (Johnson) Whitney. His father was born at Kipton in Lorain County and the mother was born at Painesville in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Grandfather William Whitney came to Ohio from England, and was one of the early day settlers of Lorain County. The maternal grandfather, Solomon Johnson, was for two terms sheriff of Fulton County, Ohio. Thomas Whitney and wife are now living on a small farm which they bought for their declining years south of the Village of Kipton. At one time Thomas owned 800 acres of land in Lorain County, including the site of the present Village of Kipton. During the Civil war he served from the beginning to the end of hostilities, as a private in the Forty-third Ohio Regiment. He is a man of exemplary personal habits, never drinks and never has, and

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has proved a decided influence in his community in behalf of permanent restrictions upon the liquor traffic. He attends the Disciples Church of which he is a regular member. In the family were six children, two of whom died in infancy, and there are two daughters and two sons still living: Anna, Mrs. Claud Jenkins of Berlin Heights, Ohio; William; Hattie, wife of B. A. Perkins of Elyria; and George, who is a farmer and has eighty acres adjoining his father's place near the Village of Kipton. All the children were born in Lorain County, and attended the public schools of Camden.

Sheriff Whitney's vigorous personality and ability are reflections from his rugged and thorough experience and training as a young man. He lived at home on the farm, worked in the fields and attended school until the age of twenty, and after his marriage moved to Oberlin, where for a little more than a year he was foreman in the lumber yards of George Persons. He then came to Elyria and found work under the superintendent of streets. At the same time he put in an application for a place on the Elyria police force. It was the custom then for the members of the city council to vote upon such applications, and a majority was required for the employment of any applicant. When Mr. Whitney was taken on to the force he received a unanimous verdict from the councilmen and thereafter continued a member of the police force of Elyria fourteen years, and throughout that time, at each recurring spring election, when the council formally voted upon the police force, he received an endorsement from every member of the council. That is a record of confidence which is well deserved and of which Sheriff Whitney is properly proud. For three years he was a patrolman, and three years a police detective, and was then made captain and chief. He continued chief of police until 1911, when a change in administration occurred, the democratic mayor removing most of the republicans from the municipal offices and substituting democrats in their stead. In the meantime Mr. Whitney had already determined to become a candidate for the office of county sheriff, and as his plans were already well under way he left the position of chief of police without regret.

During the primaries Mr. Whitney was one of thirteen candidates for the nomination for sheriff, and gained the nomination by about 1,300 votes more than his nearest opponent. In the election he was chosen by over 3,800 votes in majority of those received by the democrat-progressive candidate. He was regularly installed in the office of sheriff on January 4, 1915, for a term of two years.

While Mr. Whitney is new in the office of sheriff he has already shown a vigor of administration which has proved gratifying to his many supporters and is an earnest of a strong and sufficient force for law and order in Lorain County. He had been in office about four months when he discovered nine automobiles that had been stolen by a clique of Cleveland automobile thieves operating in Lorain and other counties. At the present writing an automobile case is being tried before the local courts of the circuit and is attracting wide attention not only in Ohio but in other states. Several convictions have been pronounced upon the members of the gang and they were sentenced to prison. This is an organization which has worked with a great deal of cleverness in stealing and disposing of automobiles. They have made a practice of stealing cars in first class condition, hurrying them to a plant in Cleveland, where the cars are made over and so completely changed in all ordinary identification marks that the original owners from whom they were stolen could by no possibility establish proofs fitting their original machines. The remade cars are sold and the profits divided among those interested in the steal.

Sheriff Whitney is a man thoroughly honest and competent in his official duties, and is moreover a gentleman and has hosts of friends. He is affiliated with Harlan P. Chapman Post of the Sons of Veterans at Elyria, with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He also belongs to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and in politics is a republican.

Last but not least there should be mentioned another important factor in the career of Sheriff Whitney. This was his marriage to Miss Mary Dunkle of Wellington, Lorain County. They were married at Elyria. Her father, Frank Dunkle, was a soldier in the Civil war on the Union side, and lived for many years at Wellington, where he died in 1913. Mrs. Whitney was only seven years of age when she lost her mother. Mrs. Whitney was born in Pennsylvania, was educated at Lattisburg, Wayne county, Ohio, where her parents lived during her girlhood, and since her marriage has proved herself an excellent home-maker and a devoted mother to their only daughter, Reva Mae Whitney, who was born in Elyria, received her education in that city, was married July 22, 1915, to Hugh McCray, of Oberlin, Ohio.

Philip Brunk. The career of Philip Brunk well illustrates what may be accomplished by the following out of an honorable purpose with firm determination and self-reliance. His only resource when he began active life was natural ability, but he possessed also will-power and was able to make the most of his opportunities. He learned early the value of self-help and the virtues of industry, frugality and fidelity, set himself a high ideal, and in a practical common-sense way has directed his every effort toward its attainment, with the result that now, still in the strength and vigor of manhood, he has achieved a most gratifying success.

Philip Brunk, secretary and treasurer of the Brunk Machine and Forging Company, Incorporated, of Lorain, Ohio, was born in Germany, December 22, 1858, and is a son of Philip and Dorothy Brunk. He was educated in the public schools of his native land and as a youth learned the blacksmith's and still later the machinist's trades. He found his opportunities limited in the Fatherland, and as a young man came to the decision that America offered a more advantageous field for the display of his abilities. Accordingly, in 1884, he emigrated to this country, settling at Lorain, where he secured employment in the shops of the C. L. & W. Railroad, which is now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio System. After seven years with this road, during which he gained promotion through industry and faithful performance of duty, and carefully saved his earnings, he established himself in business as the proprietor of a machine shop. From small beginnings, this venture was developed into an industry of pretentious size, and in 1903 was incorporated under the style of the Brunk Machine and Forging Company, with a capital of $35,000, its present officials being: W. M. Dabney, president; C. Krentz, vice president; and Philip Brunk, secretary and treasurer. The company employs twenty skilled mechanics, and its products meet with a ready sale in the large markets of the state, shipping to all points. The plant consists of two buildings, both two stories in height and of modern construction and equipment, a machine shop 50 by 100 feet, and a garage, 132 by 30 feet, the latter erected in 1915. The life of this firm has been typical of the life of the city itself, for its foundation and resources were principally the sound judgment and accurate foresight of its founders, and as the city stands prominent for its rapid development, so of the firm, for its founders builded better than they knew, and from a small beginning the amount of business transacted has grown to large proportions.

Mr. Brunk was married in 1884, shortly after coming to Lorain, to Miss Emma Heyer, and to this union there have been born three children, namely: Lena, who is the wife of Arthur Eppley, a foreman in the plant of the National Tube Company, of Lorain; Eda, who is now Mrs. Edward Merthe, wife of a machinist of this city; and Laura, who is the wife of Gilbert Irish, connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Lorain.

Mr. Brunk is a popular member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a member of the Immanuel Evangelical Church. In politics his work for his party's interests is as a citizen and a voter rather than in active participation in political affairs. In Mr. Brunk's life are found all the habits, methods and qualifications which have rapidly brought the American nation to the forefront, as compared with the older countries, in all that pertains to the growth, prosperity and development of the national spirit and life.

John F. Haserodt. A life which strongly impressed its influence on the commercial and civic affairs of Elyria for many years was that of John Haserodt, who died in his home in Elyria in the fullness of years on April 26, 1910. He had spent practically his life in this part of Northern Ohio, and had lived in Elyria for thirty years. He was an excellent business man, always industrious and a master of his own circumstances and as he went through the world he did much good for others.

His birth occurred on the old homestead farm in Liverpool Township, Medina County, Ohio, July 8, 1836. His parents, Henry C. and Margaret (Berdz) Haserodt, were both born in Prussia, the former in 1799 and the latter in 1807. They were long lived people, and were splendid home makers in the New World. In 1834, after their marriage, they came to the United States and soon afterwards settled in the Western Reserve of Ohio. Their location was a farm in Medina County and during their many years residence there they gained success and independence. The last years of their worthy lives were spent in Elyria, where Henry C. Haserodt died in 1887 at the age of eighty-eight, and his wife in 1891, also past fourscore. Both were devout members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The common schools such as were found in the middle pioneer epoch in this part of the Union supplied John F. Haserodt with the rudiments of his education. At the age of seventeen he came to the City of Cleveland and served a thorough apprenticeship at the trade of harness-making. In a few years he was known for his skillful workmanship in this craft, and in 1857 moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and followed a trade there until 1861. His sympathies being with the Union he then returned to the North at the outbreak of the war and resumed his residence in the City of Cleveland. There he became foreman in a large harnessmaking establishment, and continued that relation until 1867. Returning to the old home farm in Medina County, he was identified with its work and management until 1880, in which year he gave up agriculture for his old business as a harness maker. This time his location was in Elyria and his shop soon gained a reputation for its superior product of light harness. In this line and in general harnessmaking he had a large and profitable trade not only in Lorain but in adjoining counties and actively prosecuted the business until 1904. He then sold his establishment and lived retired until his death.

His interest was always keen in movements for the upbuilding and advancement of his home city. At one time he was quite prominent in local affairs, serving three full terms in the city council as representative

from the Fourth Ward, and made himself valuable to the city while in that office. He was a stanch republican, and both he and his wife active members of Grace Evangelical Church in which he was an elder.

In 1861 Mr. Haserodt was married in Cleveland to Miss Johanna M. Meyer. She was born in Germany, and is now living at Elyria at the age of seventy-one. The marriage ties which united herself and husband were unbroken for almost half a century. The honest work of their own lives is continued and amplified through their large family of children. George F., the oldest, is a salesman in the Heldmyer Hardware Company of Elyria; Rev. Henry H. is a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Sacramento, California; Lillie C. is a professional nurse and lives with her mother in Elyria; Edmund B., now a resident of Cleveland, is serving as county clerk of Cuyahoga County; William L. is a mail carrier living at Lakewood; Otto E. was a prominent and widely known member of the family in Elyria, where he died October 2, 1912, and separate mention of him is found on other pages; Oscar P., also mentioned elsewhere, is president and treasurer of the Haserodt Brothers Company, jewelers and opticians, at Elyria; Paul M. is connected with The Widlar Company of Cleveland; Violet L. is now the wife of Wilbur Smith of Lima, Ohio; Emanuel is now with the Enamel Pipe Works of Elyria; Elmer, who pursued his studies in the Concordia Theological Seminary at St. Louis, is now pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Otto E. Haserodt. Lorain County never had a more popular citizen whose public services and private character commended themselves more highly to the esteem of a host of friends and more deserving of memory than the late Otto E. Haserodt, who for many years capably filled the post of county auditor and died while still in office October 9, 1912.

At the time of his death he was not yet forty years of age, yet in the sum of human service and accomplishment he lived intensively, and cultivated with extraordinary energy the abundant opportunities that were presented to him. He was born at Liverpool in Medina County, Ohio, December 24, 1873. His grandparents were Henry C. and Margaret (Berdz) Haserodt, who were born in Prussia, the former in 1799 and the latter in 1807. They came to the United States in 1834, locating on a farm in Medina County, and after acquiring a fair share of the world's goods they spent their last years in Elyria, where Henry C. Haserodt died in 1887 and his wife in 1891. The late Otto E. Haserodt was a son of John F. and Johanna M. (Meyer) Haserodt. His mother is still living in Elyria while his father, who died there April 26, 1910, is individually mentioned on other pages of this publication.

Otto E. Haserodt when seven years of age came with his parents to Elyria, and attended the public schools of that city up to the age of fourteen. At that early date he became identified with self-supporting activities and laid the foundation of a business career by work as clerk in a grocery store and in other capacities. At the age of twenty-two he became bookkeeper for the Elyria Lumber Company. In September, 1898, he was made deputy auditor of Lorain County, and in October, 1905, the county commissioners appointed him county auditor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry J. Barrows, who died before taking up his duties as auditor after election to that office. In 1906 Mr. Haserodt was elected without opposition as county auditor, and in 1908 was again chosen, and in that election received the largest vote given to any candidate in Lorain County, either on the county or state ticket. After that, so capably did he continue to administer his duty and make the most of the functions of the office, that his incumbency was a matter of his own choice, practically without opposition so far

as local politics was concerned. It has been frequently remarked since his death that the affairs of the county auditor's office were never in better hands than while administered by Mr. Haserodt.

It is important to make some record of his career both as an official and as a private citizen. As a man he was loved by all, and there were many expressions of this sincere esteem when he was compelled to give up his life in the midst of a useful career. He was implicitly trusted by the people, who felt honored in having him in one of the most important offices in the county. Thus proof of his efficiency as an official is found in the fact that he retained that office for eight consecutive years, and administered its affairs with a degree of intelligence and ability that brought him into prominence not only in his home locality but throughout the state. While county auditor he was called upon to pass upon many important questions. He was absolutely familiar with all legal questions that came to his attention. He was assiduous in placing upon the tax duplicates at their true value both corporations and individuals who endeavored to hide their assets. In the Nichols case alone he compelled the heirs to pay into the county treasury nearly $100,000 that would not otherwise have been collected. The efficiency of his office was also highly complimented after examination by the state bureau of accounting. He was a man who had a methodical mind, was a master of detail, and kept every account with a scrupulous nicety that was only a reflection of the workings of his individual mind. Mr. Haserodt had first entered the auditor's office as a clerk under the city administration of George H. Lewis, and in that capacity proved a degree of trustworthiness which made his appointment at the death of Auditor-elect H. J. Barrows both logical and wise. For three successive terms he was regularly elected and practically died at his post.

The late Mr. Haserodt was a republican in politics, belonged to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, was a stockholder and directer in the Lorain County Banking Company and had various business interests. He never affiliated with secret societies, but was an active member of the Grace Evangelical Church. On October 8, 1901, Mr. Haserodt married Miss Anna G. Baldinger. Her father was John Baldinger, a former resident of Massillon, Stark County. Mr. Haserodt is survived by his widow and two daughters, Catherine and Virginia.

Oscar Paul Haserodt. Among the children of the late John F. Haserodt, whose career has been sketched on other pages of this Lorain County History, Oscar Paul has distinguished himself as one of the leading business builders at Elyria, and is now sole proprietor of the largest jewelry establishment in that city, operating not only a general jewelry store but also a plant and business as manufacturing opticians. Mr. Haserodt served as president of The Haserodt Brothers Company from its incorporation in 1911 until he recently acquired the entire stock of the business. This is a business that is readily recognized as a landmark in the Elyria shopping district, having been established as early as 1859.

Born in the home of his parents at Liverpool, Medina County, Ohio, February 15, 1876, Oscar Paul Haserodt came to Elyria with his father and mother when about four years of age, and in 1890 graduated from the German Lutheran School. His energetic disposition found employment first as delivery boy for the dry goods firm of Biggs, Bowen & Company, the predecessors of the present house of D. Lewis & Company, and after six months with that concern his next position really pointed out his permanent destiny as a business man. He secured work with E. H. Fisher, the jeweler who had established many years before a concern which is now The Haserodt Brothers Company, otherwise known as

"The Quality Store," and it is conducted now at the same site where Mr. Fisher had his little shop more than half a century ago. Under Mr. Fisher the boy quickly learned the jeweler's trade, and remained with that old time jeweler for about eight years. He worked at the bench in repairing watches, did engraving, and specialized particularly in the optical branch of the business. Thus in time he acquired a thorough knowledge of all branches of the business, and for three years fitted glasses before passing the regular examination as an optician in 1897, after the death of Mr. E. H. Fisher. He attended the Spencer Optical Institute in New York City, and after receiving his diploma as a graduate continued working in the institute for a short time. He returned to Elyria and assumed the chief responsibilities of the business for Mrs. Fisher for about three years, endeavoring to give special attention to the optical department, though he also worked as an engraver and waited on the trade. Subsequently Mrs. Fisher married Mr. E. E. Critz, and Mr. Haserodt went on working for them for eight years, and then went into partnership with Mr. Critz. This partnership relation was formed in 1907, and the store which had long been known simply as Fisher's jewelry store then went under a new title as The Critz-Haserodt Company. Four years later Mr. Critz retired, and the Haserodt Brothers Company was then organized and incorporated, with Oscar P. Haserodt as president and Emanuel H. Haserodt, his brother, as secretary. In March, 1915, his brother gave up his relations with the business, leaving Oscar as sole proprietor.

As already stated, this is the largest jewelry store at Elyria. It carries a splendid stock of jewelry, and is particularly headquarters for optical goods. Besides the supplies usually found in a first class optical store, Mr. Haserodt has introduced all the apparatus and the equipment necessary for manufacturing, and grinds all the lenses for his trade. Since its organization in 1909 Mr. Haserodt has also had a business interest in the Strong, Kennard & Nutt Company, wholesale opticians in the Schofield Building at Cleveland. This company has enjoyed much prosperity and has a large trade among optical dealers throughout Northern Ohio.

Mr. Haserodt is a member of the National Retail Jewelers Association, the National Optical Association, is a republican in politics, a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and worships in the English Lutheran Church at Elyria.

On October 1, 1901, at Rochester, New York, he married Miss Julia Bell, who was born at Webster, a suburb of Rochester, New York, but was educated in the Elyria public schools. She came to Elyria when a small girl and was adopted into the family of the late John Hert. Mr. and Mrs. Haserodt have two children: Edward John and Josephine Estelle, both born in Elyria. Mr. Haserodt is essentially a business man, though thoroughly public spirited in his citizenship, and such time as he is able to take from business affairs he devotes to such wholesome recreation as automobiling, fishing and other outdoor sports.

Arthur Pierre Lagron. Of the professional men of Lorain County who have turned their attention to other pursuits, with benefit to themselves and to the advancement of the community welfare, one of the best known is Arthur Pierre Lagron, of Lorain. His early training was along the line of civil engineering, a vocation in which he spent many profitable years and in which he gained a substantial reputation, but in recent years he has devoted his abilities to business affairs, and at the present time is president of the Lagron Coal and Supply Company, one of the leading industries of the city.

Mr. Lagron was born at Rhineland, Montgomery County, Eastern

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Missouri, February 11, 1871, and is a son of Arthur and Mary (Breton) Lagron. Arthur Lagron, the father of Arthur P. Lagron, is a son of Pierre Lagron, who was a native of France and came to America at an early date. He descended from the family of that name who settled in Missouri on the original Louisiana Purchase. Arthur Lagron came to the United States from France about the close of the Civil war and settled in Montgomery County at Rhineland, Missouri. He had followed civil engineering in his native land and was a captain of a civil engineering corps in France, having graduated from a French polytechnic institute. He remained in Missouri until about 1896, when he located in Peoria, Illinois, where he has since remained. He followed railroad construction work for many years. To him and his wife were born seven children as follows: Margaret, who married a Mr. Bussman and resides on the old homestead in Missouri; Naomi, single; Gustavus A., of Elyria, Ohio; Gabrielle, in Missouri, single; Bertha, who died single; Edward, who lives at Peoria, Illinois; and Arthur P., of this review.

The early education of Arthur Pierre Lagron was secured in the public schools, following which he became a student of civil engineering, and at the age of twenty years entered upon the practice of his chosen calling. Coming to Lorain County in 1892 he secured employment with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and subsequently was with the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad. When he left the latter company he engaged in private practice and built up a substantial business, becoming known as one of the skilled and reliable civil engineers of this part of Ohio and engaging in much important work. For a time he acted in the capacity of city engineer of Lorain, but resigned from that position. Mr. Lagron gave up his practice in 1905, when he founded the Lagron Coal and Supply Company, Incorporated, to the development of which he has since devoted his activities. From a modest beginning it has grown to large proportions and is now accounted one of the firmly established commercial adjuncts of Lorain. Mr. Lagron is a member of the Masons and the Knights of Pythias and is popular in fraternal circles. He is a public-spirited and stirring citizen and gives his support to all movements which make for civic betterment and advancement.

In February, 1899, Mr. Lagron was married to Miss Josephine Amelia Billings, of Elyria, Ohio, daughter of Henry M. Billings, a merchant of that city. They have one daughter, Mary Margaret.

Claude B. Bivin. The City of Elyria—"The 100% City"—can boast of no more enthusiastic and helpful promoter and supporter of its varied industries and interests than Claude B. Bivin, secretary of the Elyria Park Amusement Company. Now in a substantial position among the business men of his adopted community, Mr. Bivin's career is typical of those of many of Ohio's foremost citizens. He entered upon life's struggles without advantages, worked his own way and learned as he worked, pushed himself forward by sheer energy and indomitable grit, and all the time kept his eyes upon a higher goal. Still a young man, his accomplishments have been many and his life story is an interesting and instructive one.

Mr. Bivin was born on a farm in Owen County, Indiana, near the Village of Spencer, September 18, 1877, and is a son of William B. and Verlinda (Dickerson) Bivin, natives of Kentucky, the former born in Bourbon County and the latter in Clark County. They were married at Mount Sterling, Montgomery County, Kentucky, and after their marriage left the old home in the Blue Grass State and migrated to Owen County, Indiana, where William B. Bivin, who had been born on a farm and had been a farmer all his life, purchased a tract of 196 acres,

near Spencer. On this he continued operations until 1883, although the farm was not sold until 1907. The parents are now living at Lexington, Kentucky, where William B. Bivin is engaged in the express business, owning his own equipment. There were six sons and two daughters in the family, three of the children being deceased: Thomas Owen, named after Owen County, Indiana, now a resident of Lexington, Kentucky; Frank W., also of Lexington; Hattie, who is the wife of J. S. Daugherty of that city; Claude B.; James T., who died in 1903, aged twenty-eight years, at Lexington; Walker, who died in infancy; Lullie, who is now Mrs. Moses Baker, of Oakley, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio; and John, who died in infancy. All were born in Owen County, Indiana, except the last-named, whose birth occurred in Kentucky, and Claude B. and Mrs. Baker are the only residents of Ohio.

The education of Claude B. Bivin came from the public schools of Kentucky, and when he was still a small lad he displayed his industry and ambition by carrying newspapers on the streets of Lexington, being engaged as a newsboy for some fourteen years. He then entered a livery business as clerk, remaining two years, and for a year followed the vocation of drayman, but was not satisfied with the outlook and devoted himself to learning the trade of telephone lineman. In that capacity he removed to Toledo, Ohio, and after a short time went to Maumee, where he was put in charge of work of this nature and retained that position nine months. Thus he also received his introduction to the City of Lorain, where for three years he continued work as a lineman and for seven months worked in the shipyards engaged in wiring boats for electric lights, etc. In 1905 he embarked in the grocery business at Lorain, at the corner of First and Reed streets, but after one year and ten months sold out to become a traveling salesman for the A. R. Champney Company, of Elyria, wholesale liquor dealers, continuing on the road for that concern for six years.

In November, 1910, Mr. Bivin was elected sheriff of Lorain County, taking office January 2, 1911, and his term was so satisfactory to the people that in 1913 he was re-elected, by the largest majority of any official in the county. He has always taken a keen interest in democratic politics, and is accounted a leader of his party in Lorain County. On Saint Patrick's Day, 1914, Mr. Bivin bought out the business of the Walk Over Shoe Company, at No. 138 Cheapside, from Fred C. Wolf. This business he purchased merely as a speculation, and while he still owns it has no active participation in its management, as he prefers employment which keeps him out of doors. However, he has placed it under the capable management of Mr. M. B. Faulhaber, an old-time citizen and shoe merchant of Elyria, under whose supervision the business is proving an excellent investment.

On July 1, 1914, Mr. Bivin founded the Elyria Park Amusement Company, an enterprise located on the Elyria Fair Grounds, of which he has since been secretary, and at the present time is acting manager. Here are conducted various kinds of amusements during the summer months, including automobile races, carnivals and picnic parties, and first-class entertainments of all kinds are offered the public. The grounds are finely situated, everything is conducted in an orderly and strictly respectable manner, and Mr. Bivin is meeting with the splendid success which he deserves. He is also interested as a stock holder and director in the Elyria Cedar Post and Lumber Company. He is a working member of the Chamber of Commerce, and in local parlance is a live wire, a hustler and a good mixer with his fellow men. Fraternally he is widely and popularly known, being a member of the Knights of Pythias; King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, Marshall Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons and Elyria Council No. 86,

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Royal and Select Masters; Elyria Lodge No. 465, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Elyria Lodge No. 431, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and Elyria Lodge No. 778, Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Bivin was married December 1, 1902, to Miss Edna M. Hinish, of Maumee, Ohio, who was born, reared and educated there, a daughter of Thomas and Ella M. (Reed) Hinish. Her father, who died in 1900, was a well known citizen of Maumee and for more than twenty-five years proprietor of the Maumee Paper Mills, and her mother still resides at that place. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bivin: Thomas Hinish, born at Lorain, Ohio, April 9, 1905, and now attending the graded schools; and Harry Jerome, born at the county jail at Elyria, while his father was serving as sheriff, October 12, 1912, who is considered by his parents "An 100% Boy."

THOMAS B. ALLISON. By hard and successful work as a farmer, by good citizenship, by an influence steadily directed toward the betterment of his own family and the community in which he lives, Thomas B. Allison has played a worthy part in Lorain County, where he has conducted a large farm for many years.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Ashland County, November 5, 1864, a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Provines) Allison. The Allisons were among the early settlers of Ashland County. Alexander Allison was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1806 and died in 1889. He went to Ashland County when young, and was twice married, Thomas B. Allison being the child of his second wife. There were twelve children altogether, six by each marriage. Besides Thomas B. there are two daughters living, one by the first and one by the second union; Rachel, who lives at West Salem, Ohio, is by the first union, and Anna, who lives with her brother Thomas, is by the second union.

Alexander Allison was a man of more than ordinary influence and prominence. He was active in the Presbyterian Church, and held some office in that denomination for many years. Politically he was a republican, and filled various township offices. A man of good education and of the strictest integrity, he was frequently honored with trusts, particularly in administering estates. In Ashland County he had cleared up a large tract of land, and made a success of farming.

Thomas B. Allison spent his boyhood days in Ashland County, attending the public schools there, and he also had other courses in higher schools at Cleveland. His first regular vocation was school teaching, and from that he went to a farm. His father was incapacitated for regular work at the age of fifty-four, and it was Thomas who took charge of affairs and kept the estate together in his declining years. Later he bought the old homestead, buying the interests of the other heirs, and managed it for several years. He then took a business course and spent nine months in Toledo as a bookkeeper and six months at Akron. On first coming to Lorain County Mr. Allison was on the road for two years selling goods, and then was in the office of the railway at Wellington for some months.

On December 22, 1897, he married Mary Elizabeth White, daughter of Samuel White, a farmer and cheese maker. Mrs. Allison was born in Lorain County. She was a successful teacher for four years. They have six children. Forest Alexander, born February 22, 1900; Ruth Marion, born May 17, 1901; Grace Eliza, born November 11, 1903; Howard Raymond, born March 9, 1905; Truman Bennett, born July 4, 1908; and Dorothy Elizabeth, born December 18, 1912. Mrs. Allison is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fraternally Mr. Allison is a Maccabee, and has been very active in the Patrons of Husbandry, having served as state deputy master four

years, and was secretary for eight years. Politically he is a republican. For eleven years he filled the office of township trustee and every public duty has been thoroughly discharged by him.

It was in 1900 that they bought their present farm of 257 acres, now known as "Riverby," and in the past fifteen years have been constantly working for its improvement and development. Among other things he has tiled a large part of the land, and has erected several substantial buildings. His enterprise is largely general farming and he also keeps a herd of nine thoroughbred Holstein cattle and graded Holstein stock.

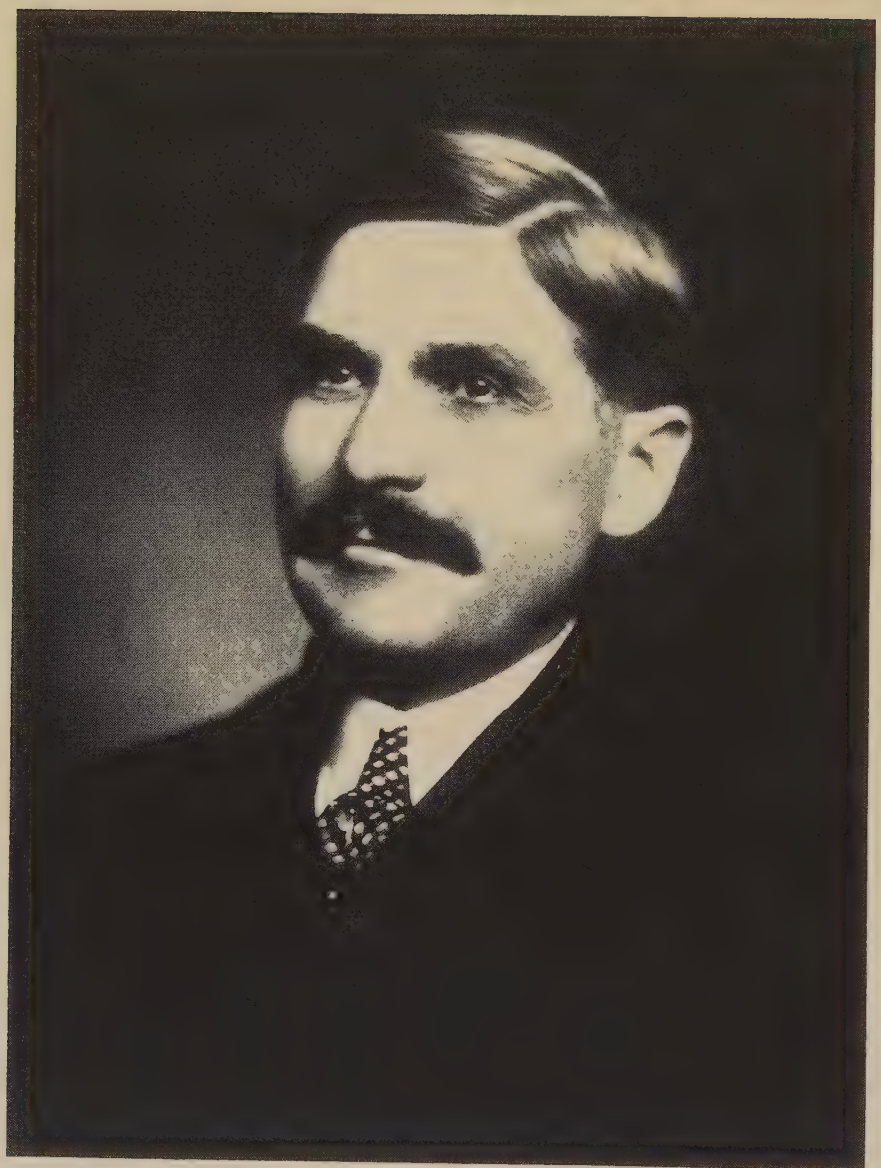
WILLIAM RAYMOND COMINGS. Not every well-meaning man, although leading in a community's citizenship perhaps, is able to realize the present need of a wider and deeper service that the public schools should give. Radical changing conditions in economic and social life, call for new and better methods and it is encouraging to learn of the remarkable and gratifying results that have been obtained in some sections by the arousing of intelligent public opinion by progressive educationalists. To illustrate, the public schools of Elyria, Ohio, with their enrollment of 2,934 pupils, very largely through the earnest, faithful, wise and farseeing efforts of Supt. William Raymond Comings, have been given unusual advantages. There are an adequate number of buildings with complete equipment for the most approved modern methods of instruction and for health and comfort, fire-proof and amply safe guarded. There are play grounds and play rooms; there is a corps of teachers with professional training; there is a high school that fits students for college, and there is vocational work in both high and grade schools. The bringing about of such changes within the short space of fourteen years, makes an interesting chapter in the educational history of Lorain County and centers attention upon the educator mainly responsible.

William Raymond Comings was born February 16, 1851, at East Berkshire, Franklin County, Vermont, and is a son of Andrew and Amanda Comings. His father was a farmer in Franklin County, all his immediate ancestors being tillers of the soil. On the paternal side the family is of English extraction and may be traced as far back as the reign of Henry VIII. Like many other ancient families the orthography of the name has changed, but the Comines, the Comyns, the Cummings and the Comings all came from the same sturdy stock.

Of studious bent and inquiring mind, young Comings soon absorbed the instruction offered in the country schools in his boyhood, and, as agricultural effort did not appeal to him, he prepared for higher educational opportunity and entered Oberlin College, from which institution he subsequently received the honorary degree of A. M. He further pursued his studies in other institutions, studying at the normal school at Kirksville, Missouri, and at Chicago, and while a resident of Chicago he served as mercantile collector for one year.

After completing his proposed courses of study, Mr. Comings accepted the position of superintendent of schools at Medina, Ohio, where he remained for eight years, going then in the same capacity to Norwalk, Ohio, for nine years, and from there to Ironton, where he remained two years, in each city leaving a marked impress on the public school system. Mr. Comings then displayed his versatility by successfully engaging in newspaper work at Springfield, Missouri, for five years, and for two years at Lorain, Ohio. On retiring from the journalistic field he accepted the superintendency of the Elyria public schools and to their upbuilding and welfare he has devoted fifteen years of fruitful endeavor.

During this period the school enrollment at Elyria has increased from 1,400 to nearly 3,000. To care for the increase during this time there have been erected twelve entire or parts of school buildings, including



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the new manual training building on Sixth Street. Under Mr. Comings' supervision many new departments have been installed, these including the kindergarten, physical training in all grades, with physical examination of all pupils, manual training and domestic science and arts in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades and high school, special schools for ungraded children and a vocational school for boys who are not eligible for regular high school work. All these departments are in fine running order and that this progressiveness appeals to many young people outside the city is attested by the fact that each year many paying pupils enter the Elyria High School from the different townships in the county eager to enjoy the advantages here afforded.

In accepting a re-election in 1915, Mr. Comings issued a letter in which he said, in part, as follows: "If I see aright there are still larger and perhaps more vital problems coming in the next ten years than those of the past ten, and they will call for the efforts of expert and far-seeing supervision. The old-time educational shell has been broken, but what the new life is to be will depend upon the wisdom and sagacity of a new generation of men who are rapidly coming to the front, men trained in the great schools of investigation that have been fathered by some of the large universities with their corps of pedagogical experts. It is time for old men and for men who hark back to the old conditions to retire."

At Medina, Ohio, August 1, 1878, Mr. Comings was united in marriage with Miss Loretta Kennedy, who is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Kennedy, and a descendant in direct line, from Alexander Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Comings have two daughters: Josephine, who is the wife of J. A. Egbert, of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Marian E., who resides with her parents. The family attend the Congregational Church.

Ever concerned in the public welfare, Mr. Comings has long been an aroused student of political history and is affiliated with the republican party. Seldom has he found time to serve in public office but for a quarter of a century he performed the duties of county school examiner in Medina, Huron and Lorain counties. Widely known in educational circles, Mr. Comings is a member of various educational bodies and is chairman of the executive committee of the Ohio State Teachers' Association. Genial by nature, sympathetic and tactful, he is welcomed in every social circle and values his membership in several such bodies at Elyria and in other cities. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian associations and of the board of managers of the Memorial Hospital, all at Elyria.

Measured by high standards, Mr. Comings as superintendent of the schools has been a pronounced success and whether he remains at Elyria beyond his present term or not, the avenues of usefulness he has opened and the illumination he has thrown through his rare personality and his progressive methods, along many paths, will show the great and lasting service he has performed for this city. All that he has done has been so useful and so admirable that approval cannot be witheld by those who have either education, industrial efficiency or child welfare at heart.

HON. WILLIAM B. THOMPSON. The recent appointment of William B. Thompson as judge of the new Court of Common Pleas in Lorain County has brought a new distinction to the career of one of the oldest and most prominent lawyers and business men in this section of Ohio. Judge Thompson has been identified with the profession of law for more than twenty-six years, though he is perhaps best known through his extensive relations with public and business affairs.

In the fall of 1914 Judge Thompson was republican candidate for the office of judge of the Court of Common Pleas, his rival for that office being H. G. Redington. The election being contested, the Circuit Court ordered a recount, which showed the vote to have been a tie. The case then went to the Supreme Court, which in the spring of 1915 affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeal, and declared that Mr. Redington, who had already been seated on the bench by appointment from Governor Cox would continue in office until the next election. A new turn was given to the matter when the Lorain County Bar Association petitioned the Legislature to create another judgeship on the ground that there was too much work for one judge. The Legislature then passed the necessary legislation, and on May 20, 1915, Governor Willis selected Mr. Thompson for the newly created position.

The family to which Judge Thompson belongs is one of the oldest in Lorain County. He is himself a native of Columbia Township of this county, where he was born September 6, 1863, a son of Samuel B. and Emular L. (Osborn) Thompson. His paternal grandfather, John V. Thompson, was a Connecticut man and one of the earliest to settle in Columbia Township. The maternal grandfather, William B. Osborn, was born in Columbia Township, where his father, A. P. Osborn, had located as early as 1810, having also come from Connecticut. Samuel B. Thompson, who is still living in Columbia Township nearly eighty years of age, was born there in 1836, and spent all his active life as a farmer. His wife, who was born in the same township in 1837, died in July, 1899. Judge Thompson's only brother, John B. Thompson, is a stock farmer and dealer in Columbia Township.

When Judge Thompson was eleven years of age his parents left the old farm in order to give their son the better educational advantages found at Berea. William B. Thompson completed the high school course there, and in 1885 was graduated bachelor of philosophy from Baldwin University. Following his college career came a year as a farmer and school teacher, but in 1886 he entered the law office of Judge G. M. Barber, at Cleveland, and a year later went into the office of Judge A. R. Webber, of Elyria. When Judge Thompson qualified as the judge of the new Court of Common Pleas he took the oath of office before Judge Webber, who is also a notary public.

Admitted to the bar in 1888, Judge Thompson has had a long and successful career as a lawyer. For many years his home has been in the City of Lorain, and he is the first citizen of that city to reach the dignity of judicial office. He still retains his residence there, and goes back and forth to attend court in Elyria.

Few practical business men in Lorain County have had larger and more influential relations with financial and industrial affairs than this well known attorney. He was one of the three organizers of the old Penfield Avenue Savings Bank of Lorain, was its president for twenty years after organization, and when the bank was reorganized under the new name the Central Bank Company he continued as president, an office which he still holds. Judge Thompson is also president of the Home Building Company of Lorain, and was president of the Barrows Milling Company until it was succeeded by the Houff-McNeil Company, in which he is vice president and a director. He is a director of the Cleveland, Columbus & Southwestern Railway Company, a director of the Black River Telephone Company and is vice president of the Amherst Furniture Company of Amherst. He is also president of the Tri-County Realty Company. On taking his seat as judge he gave up, as the law requires, a long standing relation with the Lake Erie and Pittsburg Railway Company. He organized this company, was its vice president and director while it was being constructed, managed its legal

affairs, and the main office of the road was in Mr. Thompson's office at Lorain. In his work as a lawyer Judge Thompson has had few partnership relations. In 1899 George L. Glitsch became a member of the firm of Thompson & Glitsch, and later A. W. Cinniger joined them under the title of Thompson, Glitsch & Cinniger.

For a number of years Judge Thompson was a trustee of Baldwin University, his alma mater, until the recent consolidation of that institution. He organized and incorporated the Lorain Chamber of Commerce at Lorain, and was its first president. In July, 1913, Judge Thompson completed twenty-six years of service as attorney for the Citizens Home and Savings Association Company of Lorain. The most important political office he held prior to his appointment as judge was as mayor of Lorain, to which he was elected in April, 1890, and again in 1892. Judge Thompson is an active Mason; is affiliated with Lorain Lodge No. 552, Free and Accepted Masons; Mystic Chapter No. 170, Royal Arch Masons; the Council and also the Lorain Commandery of the Knights Templar. He belongs to Black River Lodge No. 682, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to Lake Shore Encampment No. 242. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Church at Lorain.

On December 17, 1890, Judge Thompson married Lulu Sanford, daughter of the late Rev. James L. Sanford, of Delaware, Ohio, who spent his last days in Lorain. There are two children: Helen Marie, the older, is a graduate of Gunston Hall at Washington, D. C., and also spent a year in the Boston Conservatory of Music at Boston. The son, Robert William, is now attending high school at Lorain. Judge Thompson is a member of the Elyria Country Club.

Maj.-Gen. Quincy A. Gillmore. The nation owes a lasting debt of gratitude to the services of a notable group of men from the Western Reserve of Ohio who as soldiers or statesmen gained individual renown and made themselves invaluable to the Union during the dark period of the Civil war. Every school boy could recall some of these names, notably James A. Garfield and William McKinley, but in his special field as a military strategist one of the ablest was Quincy A. Gillmore, who was born in the Black River community, now the City of Lorain, February 25, 1825, and during the war earned an international reputation as an organizer of siege operations and a revolutionizer of naval gunnery.

A member of the well known Gillmore family of Lorain County and a son of Quartus Gillmore and wife, mentioned elsewhere, Quincy Adams Gillmore as a boy attended the Norwalk Academy and the Elyria High School. He began to study medicine and wrote for publication. There was a vacancy at West Point and the boys appointed failed to pass. Finally, in attempting to find a suitable person, Gillmore was recommended because of his integrity and scholarship. He was not in the neighborhood at the time and so missed seeing the gentleman who was looking for him. Hearing of it later, he mounted his horse and rode to an adjoining town, where he overtook him just in time to secure the appointment, which was going to another. He acquitted himself with credit as a cadet, graduating in 1849 at the head of his class and entered the service.

General Gillmore's fame as an artillery officer was established during the siege and capture of Fort Pulaski, Georgia, in 1862. At this siege and bombardment he planted his batteries at distances which previous to this time were thought to be suicidal, but in less than two days he reduced the fortress which had been pronounced by eminent engineers as impregnable.

It has been well said that General Gillmore's cannonade and capture

of Fort Pulaski revolutionized the naval gunnery of the world and extended his fame throughout Europe as well as America. For this service he received the brevet of lieutenant-colonel and was made brigadier-general of volunteers April 28, 1862. His next notable success was with the noted "Swamp Angel," a gun used in the siege of Charleston. The gun was apparently planted in the edge of the sea, but really in the shallow marsh between Morris and James Island. There a firm foundation was laid, a low breastworks put up in a circle around the guns, and 100-pound shells were "dropped" into Charleston. But it was only fired thirty-six times, exploding at the last discharge. Other guns soon after did as effective work, but the "Swamp Angel" is remembered because it first proved the practicability of the method.

Later, with the Tenth Corps, he took part in the final operations of the Army of the James River. He was breveted four times for meritorious conduct, the last time as major-general United States Army "for gallant and meritorious conduct in capturing Forts Wagner and Gregg and for the demolishing of Fort Sumter." He resigned his volunteer commission as major-general in December, 1865.

After the war General Gillmore was engaged upon important engineering work, and his name is most intimately associated with the improvements of the harbor at Charleston and Savannah and with other like works along the Atlantic Coast, and, as president of the Mississippi River Commission, with the great works which have been projected for the rectification of that important waterway. His treatise on roadmaking and paving is regarded as the highest authority. Not long after the war General Gillmore bought back the old farm on Black River, converted it into a vineyard and occasionally visited it. He died at Brooklyn, New York, April 11, 1888.

Edmund Gillmore. Few families antedated the Gillmores in settlement in Lorain County, and in the agricultural, commercial and ship building communities around the mouth of Black River at what is now the City of Lorain none were more prominent in the early days. For more than a century the name has been one of the most effective in the entire county.

Before taking up briefly the life of the late Edmund Gillmore it will be appropriate to say something of his parents and grandparents. The Gillmores were of English and Scotch ancestry. Edmund and Elizabeth (Stuart) Gillmore, paternal grandparents of the late Edmund Gillmore, were born in Massachusetts, and from that state came out to what was then known as the Connecticut Western Reserve in 1811, settling in what is now Lorain County, where Mr. Gillmore secured wild land, became a farmer, cleared and improved a large acreage and in its cultivation passed the rest of his days. There is record for the years 1843-44 of his owning land both in Amherst and the Black River Township. Edmund and Elizabeth Gillmore were the parents of ten children, nine sons and one daughter, briefly referred to as follows: Quartus, born July 1, 1790; Aretus, who was born in Massachusetts, September 7, 1792, and died in Lorain County; Orrin, who was born in Massachusetts, September 27, 1794, and died in Cuyahoga County, Ohio; Simon, born in Massachusetts, August 19, 1796, and died at Detroit, Michigan in 1833, having been a ship carpenter by trade; Truman, born October 25, 1798, and died in Lorain County in 1881; Linas, born January 12, 1801, and died in Lorain County in 1881; Roxana, born February 9, 1803, was married in Lorain County to Robert Wright, and died in the State of Oregon; Alanson, born April 12, 1805, and died in Lorain; Edmund, born March 19, 1808, and died in Minnesota; and James Madison, born July 1, 1811, and died at Lorain.

Quartus Gillmore, the eldest of the children above mentioned, was born in Massachusetts in 1790, being a native of Chester, Hampden County. When twenty years of age he came to Western Reserve in 1810, but lived here only temporarily and was soon back East. He again came to the West in 1812 and at that time located on land about a mile west of Black River, now the City of Lorain. He made the long journey from Massachusetts with wagons and teams. He married Elizabeth Reid, who died in 1876, having survived her husband seven years, his death taking place in April, 1869. Quartus Gillmore was an active whig in politics, and became a republican when that party was organized. For many years he served as a magistrate and about 1837 was appointed the first trustee of Black River Township in Lorain County. For several years after settling in Lorain County he followed farming, and in the early '30s joined with others in platting a tract of ground around the mouth of Black River and incorporating the Village of Charleston, now the City of Lorain, where he spent the rest of his days. Quartus Gillmore and wife had four sons: Gen. Quincy A., one of Lorain County's eminent soldiers in the Civil war, whose career is sketched elsewhere; Edmund, Cornelius R. and Quartus, Jr., and four daughters, Elizabeth, Sophia, Alice and Roxana.

The late Edmund Gillmore was born in Black River Township of Lorain County, February 10, 1833, and died at the City of Lorain on Thanksgiving Day in 1902. He was educated in the public schools of his native township, and at the age of fifteen became an employe on one of the lake boats, making trips to Oswego, Chicago and all the lake ports. He was a sailor for ten years, and was also employed in the ship yards around Lake Erie, working as a ship caulker. While thus engaged on one occasion he received a severe injury which made him an invalid the rest of his life, and for forty-two years he never walked a step. However, he was able to attend to business and filled various local offices, such as justice of the peace, treasurer of the school board, assessor, township clerk for fifteen years, and for more than twenty years as notary public. He was first elected justice of the peace in 1863, and served in that capacity thirty-nine years. For ten months he was with his brother, General Gillmore, in New York City acting as shipping agent and assistant draughtsman. He was an active republican and a man of the highest character.

In 1857 Edmund Gillmore married Miss Adelaide E. Gillmore, a daughter of Alanson and Evelyn (Jones) Gillmore. Her father came out of Massachusetts about the same time as the other members of that family, and was identified with the early shipbuilding interests at the mouth of Black River. He was later a farmer, and in 1880 removed to Lorain, where he died when about ninety years of age. Mrs. Edmund Gillmore was born November 22, 1833, on Washington Street in Lorain. She spent practically the entire eighty-two years of her life in one community, and saw a village of 300 inhabitants grow and develop to a city of more than 30,000 people. She was the devoted companion of her husband for nearly half a century, and many tributes were paid to her as a pioneer woman of Lorain County at the time of her death in July, 1915. She was one of the early members of and for many years an active worker in the First Congregational Church at the corner of Washington Avenue and Fourth Street. She was also one of the members of the Old Friends Circle, which was organized in 1888, and until her death she never failed to attend each annual meeting of that organization. For forty-four years Mrs. Gillmore occupied the old homestead on Washington Avenue opposite the City Park. Mrs. Gillmore's only surviving sister is Mrs. Fannie Wilford of Lorain. The only son and child

of the late Edmund and Adelaide Gillmore is Quincy A., now a prominent attorney at Elyria, and mentioned in following paragraphs.

QUINCY A. GILLMORE. Named in honor of his distinguished uncle, the late Maj.-Gen. Quincy A. Gillmore, one of the greatest soldiers and engineers produced by Lorain County, and whose career is briefly sketched on other pages, the subject of this brief article has for more than thirty years enjoyed high standing and esteem as a lawyer and citizen at Elyria.

A son of the late Edmund Gillmore, whose career has been presented in these pages, Quincy A. Gillmore was born in the City of Lorain, then called Black River, May 12, 1859. His youth was one of inspiring associations and excellent advantages. He attended the common schools up to 1872, following which he was for four years in the Elyria High School, was a student for one year in Oberlin College and one year in Western Reserve College and in 1881 graduated A. B. from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He had already determined upon the law as his profession and after two years in the Cincinnati Law School was graduated LL. B. in 1883. Admitted to the Ohio bar, he began practice at Elyria in the fall of 1884 and is now one of the senior members of the local bar. He has found within the strict limits of his profession a pleasant employment for all his time and energies, has for years enjoyed a large and profitable practice, and so far as his regular business is concerned is first and last a lawyer. His many friends also speak of him as a whole souled gentleman, a charming companion and though his qualities are rather positive than negative he has acquired firm and lasting friendships, and has made his influence count for much in behalf of the movements for local welfare undertaken during the last thirty years in Elyria. His law offices are in the Elyria Block.

Only once was Mr. Gillmore drawn into the political arena. In 1894 he was candidate for prosecuting attorney of Lorain County and lost the election by just one vote. Both before that and since he has been active as a republican, a worker for party success, and in these modern times acknowledging his position as a stand patter. Mr. Gillmore is a member of the Lorain County Bar Association, of the Elyria Country Club, of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and has affiliations with the various branches of Masonry and with the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; of Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons; of the Scottish Rite Consistory at Cleveland and the Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland.

On November 27, 1884, at Delaware, Ohio, Mr. Gillmore married Miss Frankie G. Brown, who was born in Delaware, a daughter of Jacob A. and Nancy A. (Graham) Brown, both now deceased. They have one son, Scott E., who was born in Elyria August 23, 1890. This son was graduated from the University School at Cleveland in 1910, spent one year in the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, and then entered Yale University, where he pursued a course of mechanical engineering and was graduated Bachelor of Philosophy in June, 1914. He is now employed by the Warner-Swasey Company of Cleveland.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, lawyer and present prosecuting attorney of Lorain County, has had his home in the City of Lorain for the past eighteen years. No attorney in Lorain County stands higher in the estimation of his fellow lawyers than Charles F. Adams, and it is noteworthy that while he has conducted his office with utmost fearlessness and with fidelity to duty, his popularity has suffered nothing in consequence of his official acts.

Charles F. Adams

He represents a very old family in Northern Ohio. He was born at Olmsted Falls in Cuyahoga County, September 9, 1872, a son of L. B. and Hulda B. (Carpenter) Adams. His grandfather, Ransom Adams, was a native of Connecticut, where the family had lived for a number of generations. Ransom Adams when a young man left his home in Waterbury, Connecticut, and going west settled at Olmsted Falls in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He was a useful factor in that early community, and followed his trade of wood turner until advanced years came upon him. He was also a licensed preacher, and in the early days he filled many pulpits as a supply Methodist minister. Ransom Adams married Phoebe Underhill, descended from an old New England family. These two people met some years after Ransom had come to Ohio. They had four children: Lorenzo, Cynthia, Wilbur and James. The two youngest sons were drowned while boys in Rocky River. The daughter married Asel Osborn.

Lorenzo B. Adams, father of the Lorain lawyer, was born in Olmsted Falls, Ohio, in 1833. During his youth he learned the trade of tinsmith, and he followed that until his death, when still in the prime of life, at the age of fifty-three. Along with his work as a tinsmith he conducted a small hardware store at Olmsted Falls and the management of this store devolved upon his widow after his death. Mr. Adams enlisted in 1861 in Company B, First Ohio Light Artillery. Upon the expiration of his first enlistment he enlisted in the Eighty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He was a very public spirited man and did much to help any worthy cause. He served eleven years as mayor of Olmsted Falls. Mrs. Adams showed much capacity in conducting the business for about fourteen years, being assisted in the meantime by her son, Lorenzo B., Jr., and also during vacation terms by her son, Charles. Mrs. L. B. Adams before her marriage was Hulda B. Carpenter, a daughter of Caleb and Susan (Haynes) Carpenter. Lorenzo B. Adams, Jr., who is now engaged in the real estate and brokerage business on Long Island, New York, married Eva Haight. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Hulda Adams married, in 1900, George Avery, who is now deceased. In religious belief the Adams family has always adhered to the doctrines of the Congregational Church.

There was just enough of hardship and privation in the early life of Charles F. Adams to keep his energy and ambition at a high tension. As a boy he attended the public schools of Olmsted Falls, and he also continued his literary education at Baldwin University at Berea and in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. He was still a boy when he set his ambition for the law, and he had done much reading along that line before he entered law school.

In 1892 Mr. Adams entered the law department of the University of Michigan, where he was graduated LL. B. in 1894. His first field of practice was at Niles, Ohio, where he remained a year and a half. It is interesting to recall the fact that his first office was in the building where the late President William McKinley was born. From Niles he removed to Cleveland, where he continued practice in the office of George Foster, and had some experience that proved very valuable to him during the two years he spent at Cleveland in association with Mr. Foster.

In 1898 Mr. Adams established his office and residence at Lorain, and since that time his reputation as an able lawyer and high minded citizen has spread over all the townships of Lorain County. He has handled a number of very important cases tried in the district courts. During 1905-06 he served as city solicitor of Lorain. In November, 1912, Mr. Adams was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Lorain County, beginning his official duties January 1, 1913. He was re-elected in 1914, and is a candidate for re-election in 1916. During his administration he has shown great executive ability and it is well

understood that never before in the history of the county has the office of prosecuting attorney exhibited a cleaner record than that made by Mr. Adams.

He takes much interest in fraternal affairs, and is affiliated with the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Lorain, the Woodland Lodge, Knights of Pythias at Lorain, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Lorain, and other fraternal bodies.

In 1895 Mr. Adams married Miss Florence Terrell, who was born at North Ridgeville, Ohio, a daughter of Clayton and Cyrene Terrell, both members of old Lorain County families. Mrs. Adams' great-grandmother was a sister of General Halleck of the Revolutionary army. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have two children. Thelma is now a student in the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston. The son, L. Burton, is still in the public schools at Lorain.

S. Jesse George, during the past five years, has been associated with very many of the largest and most important real estate transactions at Elyria. That he has attained unusual prominence and demonstrated marked ability in this direction is seemingly a refutation of the adage that "the shoemaker should stick to his last," for his inclinations as a youth led him to a widely different channel of usefulness, and his career as an engineering accountant of railroads, covering a period of fifteen years, was no less successful than has been his management of his present business.

Mr. George was born at Bairdstown, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1864, and is a son of Mathew and Rachel (Lowry) George. His father, a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, was in his earlier years a merchant and kept the Canal Supply Store, a general store during the prosperous years of the canal, but later turned his attention to land surveying and passed his entire life in Westmoreland County, where he died, at the age of sixty-three years. He was one of his community's prominent and influential men, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. George, who was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, died at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, at the age of ninety-seven years. There were five sons and one daughter in the family, all of whom grew to maturity, and all of whom are now living except the daughter: William, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Daniel Lowry, a resident of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania; Lewis, of Blairsville, that state; Nettie, who died at Irwin, Pennsylvania, as the wife of Tobias Crock; Robert M., of Blairsville; and S. Jesse.

S. Jesse George received his education at Blairsville Academy and preparatory schools, and at Curry Institute, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After leaving school he followed civil engineering for two years, and then, his earlier instincts influencing him, he entered upon a career as an engineering accountant of railroads that covered fifteen years. He was with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the Chicago & Northwestern and the Baltimore & Ohio railroads at different times and various places, being located at Norwalk, Painsville and Cleveland while with the first named road; material agent for the Chicago & Northwestern in the construction work of double-tracking the road through Iowa, and stationed at Ames, Iowa, during that time; and while with the Baltimore & Ohio was chief clerk of engineering of the Cleveland Division, with headquarters at Cleveland. After that for several years he was variously employed, and in 1903 came to Elyria, where he became construction clerk in the employ of the National Tube Company. After participating in the erection of the numerous mills that were built at Lorain at that time, Mr. George became secretary to the chief engineer of the National Tube Company, and held that position until 1910.

Chas. H. Savage

Having in his long and extensive railroading experience witnessed the possibilities of the great Middle West in the way of real estate transactions, he resigned his position at that time and embarked in the realty and insurance business at Elyria. Since that time his services have been in very general demand. His attention is devoted to the buying and selling of real estate, the renting, care and management of property, the paying of taxes for non-residents, acting as notary public, and dealing in life, fire, accident, tornado, plate glass and automobile insurance and surety bonds. His offices are maintained at Nos. 206-8 Masonic Temple. His great capability and thorough knowledge of values, coupled with many years of business association with men of affairs, render him a valued medium for the successful carrying through of deals of importance, and his business slogan, "Let George do it," is widely known not only at Elyria, but all over the surrounding county. Mr. George is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

On June 4, 1890, Mr. George was married to Miss Mabel C. Beard, of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and to this union there have been born two daughters: Alice and Alma both graduates of the Elyria High School. Mr. George is a leading republican. Fraternally, he is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, past commander of Elyria Commandery, past high priest of Marshall Chapter, and secretary of Marshall Chapter and present recorder of Elyria Council and Elyria Commandery. Mr. George's manner and bearing are those of the brainy, successful man of business, and he thus possesses peculiar advantages for his chosen vocation. His friends are as numerous as his acquaintances, and his career in the real estate business at Elyria is undoubtedly destined to be a brilliant and successful one.

Charles H. Savage. It seldom happens that an earnest purpose, a mature experience and full mastery of details, and industry and close application, do not overcome all the traditions which are supposed to militate against success. An apt case in point is that of the well known Elyria jeweler and silversmith, Charles H. Savage, whose establishment at 401 Broad Street is the best known shop in the trading district. Mr. Savage is not superstitious, and has effectively refuted some popular notions by starting his independent business career on Friday the 13th of November, 1901. That was the beginning of his career as a jeweler independently, and the continued success and growth of his enterprise is at least one strong evidence that prosperity is not subject to lucky auspices of beginning.

Throughout practically all his life Charles H. Savage has lived in Elyria, where he was born February 8, 1867, a son of John and Harriet (Hobill) Savage. His father was born in England, came to the United States with his parents when a boy, grew up on the old home farm in Avon Township of Lorain County, and subsequently moved to Elyria, where for many years he conducted a meat market on Cheapside where the Wilder Cigar Store is now located. He died in Elyria, March 18, 1895. Politically he was a republican, but after one experience as a city councilman in Elyria for a term had a sufficiency of practical politics, and cared for no other active participation in that line. He was one of the honored business men and left his family the heritage of a good name. His wife, who was born in Massachusetts, came with her parents when a girl to Elyria, and she died in that city in 1908. Their two sons and one daughter are still living, Charles H. being the oldest, George W. being a conductor of the Green line of electric transportation, while the daughter, Annie E., is now Mrs. B. A. Francis, the wife of a grocer in Elyria. All the children were born and educated in Elyria.

The early education of Charles H. Savage was gained in the public schools of his native city and he also attended high school and a business college. Up to the age of eighteen he had some experience in working with his father in the meat market, but then started to learn the technical side of the business in which he is now engaged. He became an apprentice in the establishment of John Murbach, the veteran jeweler and silversmith who is still in business at Elyria and remained with that employer for eighteen years, learning not only the trade but also the details of the business from the selling standpoint. He also attended for some time the technical school conducted by John L. Finn, the old jeweler and watchmaker, who had a small school for instructing boys in the trade. Mr. Finn is still living in Elyria, though now retired from business. After all these years of apprenticeship and experience in the employ of others, Mr. Savage finally started at the time mentioned in a business of his own, and now has a splendid establishment centrally located in the shopping district.

Besides his successful business record he has shown himself a public spirited citizen in supporting many movements for the good of the community. Mr. Savage is a director in the Savings Deposit Bank and Trust Company of Elyria, a stockholder in the Elyria Savings & Banking Company, president and a director of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and holds stock in several other local enterprises. He is well known socially, being a member of the Elyria Country Club, the Elyria Automobile Association, is identified with the First Congregational Church, and takes much part in Masonic affairs. He is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons; Elyria Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is now past thrice illustrious master; Elyria Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar, also Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland.

On October 15, 1890, early in his business career, Mr. Savage married Miss Anna E. Ernne, who has been his capable companion and homemaker for twenty-five years. Mrs. Savage was born in Elyria, is a graduate of the high school, and in 1914 was honored with the office of president of the local alumni association. Her parents were Mathias and Elizabeth (Walters) Ernne, both of whom were born in Switzerland. Her father died at Elyria, January 17, 1906, and her mother is still living.

J. C. Hill. Few banking institutions in Northern Ohio have a more notable record than the Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Company of Elyria, with which Mr. Hill has been identified since its beginning as a private bank years ago, and of which he is now president. It has been a conservatively managed institution, and emphasis has always been placed upon strength rather than mere size. However, the company now stands in the front rank of banks as to its tangible assets, and at the close of business in 1914 its total resources aggregated more than $2,000,000. A report of the condition of the company at that time showed capital stock of $211,900, surplus of $100,000, undivided profits of over $23,000, and deposits of approximately $1,740,000. Its banking house at one of the principal corners in the business district of Elyria, has been a landmark in the financial life of that city for many years. The names of the principal officers are: J. C. Hill, president; C. M. Braman, and C. E. Blanchard, vice presidents; James B. Seward, cashier, and F. R. Eckler, assistant cashier. The list of directors includes other men of the highest financial standing in Lorain County.

J. C. Hill, who was cashier of the company when it began business in the early '70s, has had a long and noteworthy career. More than

fifty years ago he was a practicing lawyer at Elyria and gave up the law for business and has long been a forceful figure not only in local finance but in civic enterprise. A native of Erie County, Ohio, he was the son of E. P. and Sarah Hill, both natives of Connecticut, from which state father and grandfather came as pioneers in the little community of Berlin Heights in Erie County. E. P. Hill served as a member of the Ohio State Senate from Erie County in 1852-53.

J. C. Hill finished his public education in the high school at Berlin Heights, and subsequently attended Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Greene County, where he was under the instruction of the great educator, Horace Mann. He graduated A. B. from Antioch in 1860 and studied law at Cleveland, where he was graduated from law school LL. B. in June, 1861. He then came to Elyria with a young lawyer whose acquaintance he had formed in Cleveland, Judge J. C. Hale, who was for a number of years identified with the Lorain County bar and is now living retired in Cleveland, and is mentioned elsewhere in this publication. These two young lawyers came together to Elyria and practiced as partners one year, Mr. Hill then being in practice by himself for the same length of time, after which he resumed partnership with Judge Hale and so continued until 1864.

In 1864 Mr. Hill largely gave up the law and formed a co-partnership in the live stock business with the late W. A. Braman, whose personal record will be found on other pages. For three years they were together in business, and this was a period of financial profit to both members, and for several years following that Mr. Hill was engaged in the nursery business, and had an extensive trade both wholesale and retail.

On November 1, 1872, Mr. Hill with the late T. L. Nelson, organized and opened the doors of a private banking house, with unlimited liability of stockholders. At the end of the second year there were twelve members of the company, and their aggregate resources at the command of the bank amounted to $500,000. It was largely the character of the men behind the institution which insured its early success and gave it the unbounded confidence of the public. As a result the bank was soon able to double its capital from its own earnings, and at the same time paid regular dividends to stockholders. In the early days it was known as the Savings Deposit Bank of Elyria, and without doubt was one of the most flourishing and safest institutions of the kind in the state. The reorganization and incorporation as a regular stock bank under the title The Savings Deposit Bank Company were effected in 1890. Its paid up capital at that time was $200,000, besides a surplus of $12,000. In March, 1893, the bank carried loans to the extent of over $1,000,000 and had deposit accounts aggregating $950,000. Mr. Hill was the first cashier and manager of the company, and on the death of Mr. T. L. Nelson, the president, in 1890, was elected his successor, and in connection with the chief executive office has since had the practical management of the company. Mr. Charles M. Braman, who is vice president and a director now shares the responsibility of management with Mr. Hill. A sketch of Mr. Braman will be found elsewhere.

On January 2, 1861, at the outset of his career as a lawyer, Mr. Hill married Miss Etta M. Wilson, of Elizabeth, New Jersey. They first became acquainted while schoolmates under Horace Mann at Antioch College. Mrs. Hill lacked one year of graduating from Antioch. To their long and happy union were born five children, of whom two are still living. Frank, the oldest, graduated from Oberlin College with the class of 1883 and died in Denver, Colorado. Ralph W., was reared and educated in Elyria where he is still living. Arthur E. also died in Colorado. Edith L., who was born at Elyria, was graduated from the

high school and pursued a higher education at the National Park Seminary in Washington, District of Columbia, is now the wife of Ernest Motimer, a manufacturer of ladies corsets at Derby, Connecticut. The youngest child, Harry, was accidentally shot at Elyria by a companion some years ago.

In politics Mr. Hill is a republican, but his work has been more notable in the broad fields of citizenship than as a partisan. For many years he was a member of the board of education of Elyria and its president from 1888 to 1908. He is now the oldest living member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is a past master of the lodge, and also a Knight Templar Mason. He belongs to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and is a stockholder but not now a member of the Elyria Country Club. Mr. Hill is a man of broad views, of extended experience with men and affairs, has a keen quick perception, and at the basis of his unusual success as a financier is the sterling integrity of his character, the quality which has secured him the unlimited confidence of the people with whom he has come in contact. As an executor he has settled several large estates in addition to his duties as a banker, and these duties he has discharged with characteristic fidelity. Mr. Hill is also president of the Citizens Building Company of Elyria; president of the Home Land Company of Elyria; president of the Hill Realty Company; and treasurer of the Lorain Realty Company.

Franklin Pelton Crosse. The present Lorain County surveyor is a civil engineer of more than fifteen years' practical experience in his profession, in which he has made a record of constant advancement. In 1899 Mr. Crosse was a rodman in the employ of the Sheffield Land and Improvement Company of Lorain. In 1901 he became connected with the United States Geological Survey as an assistant, and in 1903 was made engineer with the Ohio Engineering Company.

In 1905 Mr. Crosse was appointed assistant and deputy to the county surveyor. In 1914 he was elected county surveyor for the term beginning September 6, 1915, and on February 15, 1916, was appointed surveyor by the county commissioners for the unexpired term of T. L. Gibson, deceased. In politics Mr. Crosse is affiliated with the republican party.

Franklin Pelton Crosse represents some old and honored family lines both in Ohio and in New England. He was born at North Amherst, Ohio, February 20, 1880, a son of Dr. Asahael Allen and Ella G. (Pelton) Crosse. The paternal grandfather was Rev. A. A. Crosse of Cincinnatus, New York. At Cincinnatus Dr. A. A. Crosse was born, and leaving home at the age of thirteen took up the struggle of life for himself. Later he paid his way through a medical school at Willoughby, Ohio, an institution now absorbed in the Western Reserve University. He began practicing medicine at the age of eighteen, and after his marriage located at Amherst, where he continued his work as a physician and surgeon until his death. He had a large practice, covering a wide scope of country, and was also a good business man, and at one time owned 640 acres of land in Amherst and Brownhelm Township. He sold some of this land but at his death owned 312 acres. He and his wife were married at Vermillion, Ohio, where Miss Pelton was born, and after a residence of a number of years at Amherst he moved to his farm and tried to retire from his heavy practice. It was almost impossible, since his patients were insistent upon his tried service, and he was the trusted medical adviser in many a household until his death. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and held the offices of township clerk and justice of the peace of Amherst

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Township and was the first mayor of the incorporated Village of North Amherst, and during the term of President Johnson was postmaster of that village. He died on his farm west of North Amherst, September 13, 1882. His widow is now living in Elyria, and Franklin P. Crosse was the only one of their children to reach maturity.

Mr. Crosse comes of a notable maternal ancestry. His maternal grandfather was Franklin Pelton of Vermillion, Ohio, and a descendant of John Pelton. John Pelton was born in England about 1616 and belonged to the Essex branch of Peltons or Poltons. He came to Boston between 1630 and 1633, as is proved by the appearance of his name and a description of his property in the "Book of Possessions" the oldest land record of Boston. In Boston his possessions were described as one house and household lot bounded with Owen Roe west; the street north; the cove south; and the marsh on the east. The land comprised lots 104 to 108 on the south side of the Essex Street from Washington Street eastward. About 1635 he moved to Dorchester, then a few miles up the Boston Peninsula, but now a part of the City of Boston. Dorchester had been settled a few months earlier in that year. Either in 1635 or 1636 he became by grant or purchase a joint owner of the Dorchester Patent, and received his share as did also his heirs in its many divisions. He was one of the forty-seven owners of the "Great Lots." That he was admitted among the very select company at Dorchester is sufficient proof that his character and religious opinion were considered correct. The only item of information concerning his wife is found in his will, which gives her Christian name as Susanna. They were probably married about 1643. He was a young man when he came to Boston, and some additional light is thrown on his occupation by the words of the will which shows that he was engaged in the fisheries, then as now an important industry. He died in Dorchester, January 23, 1681. He had three sons, John, Samuel and Robert, and a daughter Mary. His widow probably lived until May 7, 1706, and various circumstances indicate that she was the "old Mother Pelton" who was buried May 10, 1706. Mention is made of her burial in Clapp's History of Dorchester (page 281) compiled from the records of the oldest church there, and as it was an unusual record she must have been a very well known person.

From John and Susanna Pelton the line of descent runs as follows: Samuel Pelton, second son of John, was born at Dorchester, Massachusetts, about 1647 and died about 1713-14. John Pelton, second son of Samuel, born at Dorchester January 9, 1682, died July 15, 1735. Josiah Pelton, the fifth son of John, probably born in Haddam, Connecticut, in 1714, died February 2, 1792. Josiah Pelton, Jr., fourth son of Josiah, was born at Chatham, now Portland, Connecticut, March 5, 1772, and died July 9, 1834. He had an eventful career. He went to sea as a cabin boy, became a sailor before the mast, and later captain and owner of a vessel. He was engaged in trade with the West Indies and also the Spanish Main, touched at many ports in both North and South America, and did much business in Brazil and Guiana. In 1811, during the Mexican insurrection under Hidalgo, he was captured while in command of a vessel owned by himself and his brother Moses. The vessel and $30,000 in specie were confiscated and he was held as a captive for three years. On being released he found that his vessel had been sold and owing to the destruction of his papers was unable to recover any of the property. After this disaster he abandoned the sea, and in June, 1815, gathered up his family and with a wagon drawn by an ox team started for Ohio. In August he arrived at Euclid, near Cleveland, where in the previous year his cousin Jonathan Pelton, a son of Joseph Pelton, had settled. In 1819 he bought land a portion of

which had been cleared, and with it a log house, from John Sherrart, in Vermillion, Huron (now Erie) County, and removed to the new farm. It was in the midst of the wilderness, and his home was close to the haunts of wolves, deer, bear, and wild turkey, and even the Indians still roamed the woods. Though he had applied himself vigorously to the new life of farmer, he could not forget the old vocation, and living close to the Lake Erie shore he built a small vessel, which he named Franklin in honor of his youngest son. He died at Vermillion in 1834. Franklin Pelton, the fifth son of Josiah, Jr., was born at Portland, Connecticut, November 13, 1814, and died February 27, 1897, in Vermillion, Ohio. Among his eleven children Ella Gertrude, who became the wife of Dr. A. A. Crosse, was the eighth. She was born April 2, 1855, and is still living at Elyria.

Franklin P. Crosse secured his education in the Elyria public schools and the Ohio Northern University at Ada. From that he entered his practical career as a civil engineer at the age of nineteen, and has been steadily engaged in some department of his profession to the present time. Mr. Crosse has taken both the Scottish and York Rite degrees in Masonry. He belongs to all the Masonic bodies from Blue Lodge to Knight Templar at Elyria, including Elyria Commandery, and the Consistory bodies at Cleveland, including Lake Erie Consistory of the thirty-second degree and also Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Congregational Church of Elyria.

At Wooster, Ohio, December 22, 1906, Mr. Crosse married Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Marnin, daughter of William and Mary (Herwick) Marnin. Her father was a miner and coal mine superintendent through the Ohio fields, and died in 1910 at Doylestown, Ohio, where his widow is now living. Mrs. Crosse was born near Doylestown at Silver Creek, and is a graduate of the Doylestown High School. She received her musical education, both instrumental and vocal, at the Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cleveland, Ohio. She is a member of the Eastern Star. They have one son, Franklin Pelton Crosse II.

Oscar G. Dunn. For a young man who only recently passed his thirtieth birthday, Oscar G. Dunn has proved an exceedingly live member of the Elyria business community, and has identified himself in so many ways with local affairs that he was recently chosen to the important office of county commissioner. He began to be self supporting when only a boy, and consequently his practical career has been longer than his years would indicate.

He was born in Bellwood, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1884, and is a son of William Henry and Mattie K. (Godard) Dunn. His parents were married in Mapleton, Pennsylvania, where the mother was born, while the father was a native of Bellwood. William H. Dunn was a contractor in the tinning, plumbing and hardware supply business at Mapleton and later at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Owing to the disastrous flood at Johnstown in 1889 he moved to Lorain in Lorain County and became assistant superintendent in the tinning department for the Johnson Steel Company. This company it will be recalled was later merged with the National Tube Company. On account of health the father finally returned to Johnstown, where he died in 1899. The mother is still living at South Lorain. The father was a very active member of the Baptist Church in Johnstown, served as superintendent of the Sunday school, but had formed no active church connections in Lorain. The mother is now equally diligent in her attention to church duties as a member of the Presbyterian Church at South Lorain. In the family were eight children, three sons and five daughters, seven of them reaching maturity. In order of age they are: Mrs. Charles Drusendahl of

Elyria; Mrs. Harry Kirtley of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Oscar G.; Mrs. Anna Barclay who lives along Rural Route No. 2 out of Lorain; Mrs. R. Glasser of Spokane, Washington; Stewart Dunn, who lives with her mother in South Lorain; Hershel, who is a wireless operator, and as his whereabouts have been unknown to his family for the past two years it is not known whether he is living or not. All the children were born in Mapleton and Bellwood, Pennsylvania, with the exception of Stewart, who was born in Johnstown and is a twin sister of the one who died at the age of two years.

Oscar G. Dunn for his education attended the public schools of Johnstown, and when nine years of age came with an aunt from Johnstown to Lorain, and after that had practically no schooling, since he became a boy worker with the Johnson Steel Company of Lorain. After four years in that industry he was a clerk in the South Lorain Savings Bank, now known as the City Bank of Lorain, remaining in that service four years. There were no prospects of advancement and his salary was low, consequently he resigned, and was soon engaged in learning a trade with the National Tube Company of Lorain in the electrical department. That might have constituted for him a permanent business, since he was connected with the company for seven years, until a serious injury caused him to leave his work, to which he has never returned. His next work was with the Pennsylvania lines in the ticket office at Pittsburgh for two years, but by that time having considerable experience and with confidence in his own ability he left the railroad and engaged in business for himself at Elyria, opening a real estate and insurance office. Mr. Dunn has been a permanent resident of Elyria since 1906 and none of the young business men of the city has a better standing in the community. In November, 1914, he established the Amherst News, a weekly paper that has served its purpose well. Mr. Dunn was its principal owner and manager, but a few weeks after the business was incorporated in 1915, retired from the enterprise in order to have more time for his duties as county commissioner, and while he has sold his real estate and insurance business to enable him to devote his undivided time and attention to the office of county commissioner, he still retains some valuable investments in real estate in Elyria and vicinity.

He has the distinction of having been the youngest man ever elected to the Elyria City Council, on which he served two terms or four years. In November, 1914, he was elected one of the county commissioners of Lorain County, for the term of two years beginning in September, 1915. In politics he is a republican and very active, having been a voter and worker in the party interests since he reached his majority.

Mr. Dunn is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Maccabees. His name is also found among the members of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and he belongs to Harlan P. Chapman Camp of the Sons of Veterans at Elyria. His eligibility to that order is based on the fact that his maternal grandfather George Godard was a gallant soldier in the Civil war.

Mrs. Dunn before her marriage was Miss Clara E. Dreitzler, daughter of B. F. and Martha (Schwartz) Dreitzler of Lorain, Ohio. She was born, reared and educated in Lorain and since her happy marriage on January 15, 1908, they have lived in Elyria. Their one son, Ronald Oscar, was born at Elyria, September 15, 1910.

HENRY W. INGERSOLL. The family to which this prominent and old established attorney of Elyria belongs is one of the very oldest in Lorain County, where it was founded almost a century ago by his great-grandfather, Maj. William Ingersoll, who came from Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and was the first of the name to penetrate the wilderness which then prevailed over Grafton Township, with whose history and development the subsequent generations of the Ingersoll family have been so closely identified. Mr. Ingersoll still owns part of the ancestral domain in Grafton Township, a place that had been developed and owned for many years by his grandfather, William Ingersoll, and which was the birthplace of his father, George M. Ingersoll, as well as his own place of birth. Of these well known characters of successive periods in the history of Grafton Township, further information is supplied on other pages of this work.

Born on the old Ingersoll farm, a son of George M. and Mary (Preston) Ingersoll, Henry W. Ingersoll had a rural environment for his youth, attended the public schools of Elyria, and received his higher education in the University of Michigan, partly in the literary department and in the full course of the law school, from which latter he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1885. Mr. Ingersoll has been engaged in practice at Elyria since 1886, his first partner having been Lester McLean, who in 1891 left Elyria and removed to Denver, Colorado. In July, 1903, Mr. Ingersoll formed a partnership with Frank A. Stetson, who is now assistant prosecuting attorney of Lorain County, and their relations were continued until September 1, 1910. In October, 1912, Mr. Ingersoll became associated with R. F. Vandemark, under the firm name of Ingersoll & Vandemark, and this firm continued until October 1, 1915, since which time Mr. Ingersoll has maintained his practice of law alone, with offices in the Masonic Temple.

Mr. Ingersoll has taken an active part in Masonry, being affiliated with King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Marshall Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Elyria Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Elyria Commandery, Knights Templar, and was the local citizen who procured the site for the Masonic Temple Building and was first president of the Masonic Temple Company. He belongs also to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, the Elyria Automobile Club, the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and the Tippecanoe Club, of Cleveland.

In the course of his long practice as a lawyer, Mr. Ingersoll has acquired varied and important interests and is first vice president of The Elyria Savings and Banking Company, secretary and director of The Machine Parts Company, chairman of the board of directors of The Elyria Enameled Products Company, a director of The Lorain County Savings and Loan Company, the Fay Stocking Company, The Elyria Knitting Company, the Home Land Company and the Citizens Building Company, secretary and director of The Parts Realty Company, and president of the Cadillac Veneer Company, of Cadillac, Michigan, and is officially identified with a number of other corporations. For many years he has been treasurer and one of the trustees of the Elyria Library and for more than thirty years has been active in the First Congregational Church, having held several of the church offices and also serving as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Ingersoll before her marriage was May Belle Hamilton, a native of Berea, Ohio, and a daughter of Leonard G. and Cassandra M. Hamilton. Their children are: Mary Cassandra, who graduated from Elyria High School in 1909, spent one year at Maryland College for Women, Lutherville, Maryland, and graduated from Oberlin Kindergarten Training School in 1912, and now lives with her parents; and Henry Walter, who is now attending the public schools of Elyria.

THOMAS LOTHROP NELSON. Few men did more to impress their strength and individuality upon the business and civic life of Elyria than the late Thomas Lothrop Nelson, who was continuously identified with that locality for over forty years preceding his death, which occurred February 21, 1891, and during that time rose to a first rank among the county's leaders and philanthropists.

His was a career in which character was the all dominating factor. Of New England birth and ancestry, he possessed the rugged qualities which have long been familiarly associated with that people. With an indefatigable vigor and extraordinary capacity for taking pains he combined an incorruptible honesty which allowed him to aspire only to that kind of success which is accomplished with truth and righteousness.

Mr. Nelson was born at Lyme, Grafton County, New Hampshire, January 11, 1823, a son of Asa and Sarah (Gilbert) Nelson. His mother's father, Maj. Thomas Lothrop Gilbert, in whose honor he was named was long a prominent citizen of Lyme, New Hampshire. The Gilbert family had emigrated to Lyme from Hebron, Connecticut, and at the time of the birth of the late Mr. Nelson his ancestors had lived in that one locality for at least 180 years, and the old Gilbert homestead, in which he was born, is still occupied by one of the family's relatives. Asa Nelson, his father, was a merchant at Lyme, but died when his children were still small, leaving his widow without means. She possessed a strong heart, and made a courageous battle with adverse circumstances in rearing her small children. The conditions of his childhood were such that Thomas L. Nelson had to face the serious aspects of life at an early age. He spent much of his boyhood in the family of his grandfather Gilbert. Early manifesting a practical and studious nature he made the best use of the few educational advantages which the locality afforded. For a time he attended Thetford Academy, a noted institution in Vermont not far from his old home. All his life Mr. Nelson was a close student and careful reader, and wisely mingled the knowledge gained from books with his observation of men and affairs. On leaving school he spent about two years as clerk in a dry goods store in his native town, and this was his preliminary training for a business career. On attaining his majority, he started for the great West with its golden opportunities. He reached Oberlin, Ohio, where he spent some time in the home of Deacon Porter Turner, who had married an aunt of young Nelson. His ambition at that time was to acquire an education in Oberlin College but conditions were such that he went through a long and successful career without a collegiate degree. On arriving at Oberlin his possessions consisted of $1 in money and a small bundle which he carried in his hand. Out of his early struggles Mr. Nelson gained a sympathy for aspiring youth which never left him, and which in fact led him to extend a helping hand on many occasions to boys whose lot seemed similar to his own. He soon left Oberlin, walked all the way to Mansfield in Richland County, and after many attempts and failures to find employment secured a position as clerk in a dry goods store. That clerkship he held about six months.

A kind Providence directed his steps toward Elyria, where he entered the store of Baldwin, Starr & Company. In their employ he quickly showed the stuff of which he was made. At the end of five years of industry, strict economy and self-denial he was promoted to a partnership, and the business was reorganized under the name Starr & Company. In 1857 the firm of Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson was formed, and Mr. Nelson became known throughout Lorain County as an honest, upright and successful merchant. His house conducted the largest business enjoyed by any mercantile establishment in Lorain County, and there were very few families who did not have more or less regular

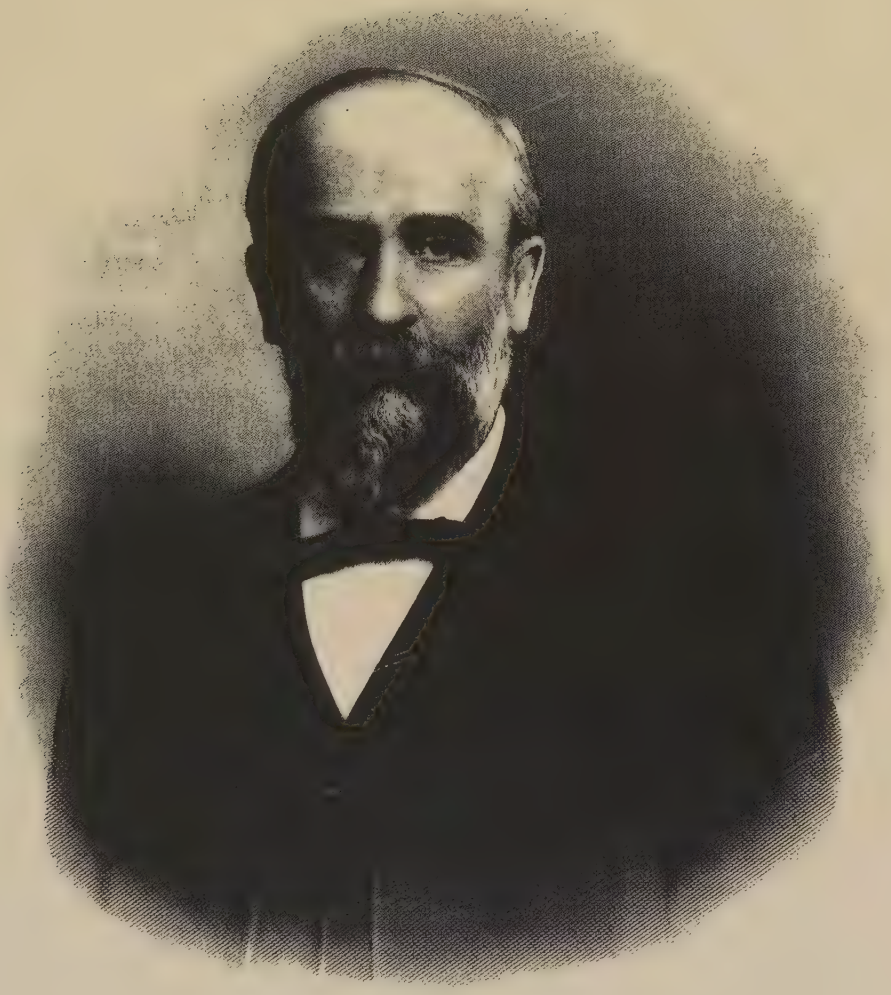
dealings with the establishment. The firm also conducted a large store at Wellington in this county. In 1872, having retired from merchandising, Mr. Nelson became associated with J. C. Hill in organizing the old Savings Deposit Bank of Elyria, became its chief stockholder, and was the honored president of that institution until the date of his death.

His business success constituted only a part of his attainments as a citizen and factor in local prosperity. He was one of the most valuable men of the community and was regarded as a tower of strength in any movement or meeting for the consideration of business, civic or religious or moral problems. Perhaps as a result of his own early struggles to secure an education, he showed particular interest in broadening those facilities which would make schools and their advantages free to all. For thirty-one years he served as a member of the board of education in Elyria, and for eighteen years was president on the board. For nearly twenty years he was a trustee of Oberlin College. The only other public office which he held was as mayor of Elyria for one year, and he steadfastly declined all other political honors urged upon him. As to politics Mr. Nelson cast his first vote for a whig candidate, and afterwards was a member of the liberty and republican parties as they successively came into existence.

The Congregational Church of Elyria will always honor his name and memory, since for thirty-seven years he was one of its most constant attendants and one of the most ready to bear the burdens of its maintenance. He was a regular worker in its Sunday school. It is said that when a young man Mr. Nelson laid down certain rules for the governing of his life, among which were emphasized the principles of honor, strict business integrity and Christian charity.

The late Mr. Nelson was three times married. July 24, 1851, he married Miss Lucretia Churchill, daughter of Judge Churchill of Lyme, New Hampshire. Her death occurred January 18, 1853, and her only daughter, Lucretia, became the wife of Rev. E. P. Butler of Sunderland, Massachusetts. August 21, 1856, Mr. Nelson married Miss Mary L. Moody of Chicopee, Massachusetts, who died February 13, 1863. The three daughters of this marriage are: Mary L., now the wife of Mr. A. L. Garford, a prominent manufacturer of Elyria, whose interesting career is found on other pages of this work; Lizzie Gilbert, who died in childhood; and Sarah M., the widow of Robert Frey, now living in Pasadena, California. Ten years after the death of his second wife Mr. Nelson married, February 19, 1873, Miss Frances H. Sanford of Elyria. Mrs. Nelson died November 16, 1915. She was the daughter of Frederick Burr and Eveline (Nichols) Sanford.

John Lersch. The work by which John Lersch has most distinguished himself among his fellows has been as a merchant. His active career, dated from his mercantile apprenticeship, covers more than six decades, during which time he has sold goods to a widening circle of patronage in Lorain County and for many years has been at the head of the John Lersch & Company, operating the largest dry goods store between Cleveland and Toledo. Probably every resident of Lorain County knows this Elyria emporium, which occupies more floor space, has a larger pay roll of employes, and probably sells more goods than any other two stores in Lorain County. A merchant who for so many years is identified with one community necessarily possesses the best qualities of the business man—integrity, a settled policy of square dealing, and the ability to win and keep the confidence of his customers. Many of the patrons of the John Lersch & Company knew that place of business when they were children. The "good will" of such an



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establishment as that of John Lersch & Company is of greater value than the capital and stock of many less substantial concerns.

This veteran merchant of Lorain County was born in Duerkheim in the Bavarian Palatinate, Germany, on July 25, 1841. His parents, Karl and Louise (Schweitzer) Loersch, always spelled their name in that way, but John Lersch subsequently simplified the spelling by dropping the "o." In 1851 the family emigrated to America, embarking on a sailing vessel at Havre, France, July 25th of that year, and landing in New York September 4th, being forty days in crossing the Atlantic. They went directly to Cleveland, thence to Mansfield, from there to North Dover, Cuyahoga County, where the father bought a forty-acre farm about thirteen miles east of Elyria. Later in life the parents moved to Elyria, making their home with their son John. His mother died February 21, 1878, aged seventy-eight years, and his father on March 1, 1887, aged eighty-two years.

On April 13, 1854, when our subject was twelve years of age, he entered the store of H. E. Mussey and Company on a thirty-day trial. The month of probation was marked by a strict application to business on his part and constant punctuality so that at the end of the prescribed time indentures were signed for three years. The compensation he received for the first year was $40 and his board; for the second year $50; for the third year $75, and for the fourth year $175 and board, his salary being advanced in proportion to his promotion in the store.

In 1858 S. W. Baldwin, T. W. Laundon and T. L. Nelson bought out the firm of H. E. Mussey & Company, and John Lersch remained with them until they retired from business in 1872. They then sold the dry goods department of the business to D. C. Baldwin & Company, of which John Lersch was the junior partner. He was already a master merchant, and by hard training was ready for every fresh responsibility. He soon built up one of the largest retail stores in the state, and in the meantime he had expanded his knowledge as a practical salesman and store manager to an equal expertness in the buying of goods. The D. C. Baldwin & Company was continued until 1880, when the name was changed to Baldwin, Lersch & Company, although at that time Mr. Baldwin had partially retired and Mr. Lersch was carrying the chief responsibilities of active management.

About that time Mr. Lersch established the Northern Ohio Syndicate, composed of Baldwin, Lersch & Company, at Elyria, the Fries & Scheuele Company of Cleveland, and the B. C. Taber & Company of Norwalk. The purpose of this syndicate was to purchase goods, chiefly from manufacturers or their agents, thus saving jobber's profit, and bringing the retail houses in the syndicate within close and prompt relations between the manufacturers and the buying public. The syndicate kept an agent constantly in the field, so that prompt advantage was taken of bargains, and the retailers were enabled to sell at considerable advantage and also afforded all the greatest service to their stores. This syndicate was subsequently expanded to include about fifteen large dry goods houses in Ohio and Pennsylvania, with a total purchasing capacity of about $3,000,000 annually. Mr. Lersch was elected president of this larger organization.

In addition to building up this splendid business now conducted as John Lersch & Company, he has formed at different times other useful connections with Elyria affairs. For many years he was a director and member of the finance committee of the Elyria Savings Bank, and later one of the founders of the Elyria Savings & Banking Company, of which he is one of the directors and was at one time its vice president. He has always been a stanch member of the republican party and his

judgment both in business and on other matters everywhere commands respect and is eagerly sought by younger men, many of whom at critical points of their career found the counsel of John Lersch invaluable. He served on the school board twelve years, and was president of the board for a short time. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has been an ardent protectionist. He was a prominent advocate of the plan for securing a supply of lake water for Elyria and of municipal ownership of all public utilities. He has been a liberal contributor to the Young Men's Christian Association, the Elyria Memorial Hospital, the Young Women's Christian Association, and is a strong advocate of all practical temperance work.

Mr. Lersch in 1868 married Miss Pamela Boynton, daughter of the late Joshua Boynton, who was born in Maine but was an early settler in Lorain County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lersch gave their children good educational privileges, and both sons and daughters are now well established in the world. The children are: Carl T.; Robert B.; Louise DeLano, wife of John R. Gobey, a prosperous wholesale lumber merchant in Columbus, Ohio; Carlotta, wife of T. C. Cherry, manager of the Annapolis & Baltimore Street Railway; J. Walter; Arthur E.; and Harwood, a graduate of Dennison University, and for the past eight years one of the Division Engineers in the State Highway Department.

As the above brief outline has suggested John Lersch is a splendid example of the self-made man. He is a great reader, has depended a great deal upon the information obtained from encyclopedias, and has one of the largest private libraries in Elyria. Mrs. Lersch is a fine type of the mother and home maker. She has a broad and liberal education, and for a number of years taught in the Elyria public schools. She is well versed on literary subjects, and has frequently shown a masterful logic and a fluent style of literary composition in various articles which have come from her pen. She is particularly able in the discussion of political matters. Mr. Lersch has been back to Europe to visit his old home twice, first in 1882 and again in 1914. He was able to leave Liverpool the day before the beginning of the great European war, sailing from that port July 31, 1914, and receiving the news by wireless when in mid-ocean of the commencement of the war. Mr. Lersch is probably the oldest merchant in point of continuous service in Lorain County, having begun his career as a business man in 1854. He has shown a high sense of responsibility in the use of his general success, has given liberally to all worthy institutions and has striven for everything that would make Elyria a better and greater city.

Carl Theodore Lersch, the oldest son of John and Pamela (Boynton) Lersch, is one of the younger business men of Elyria who has contributed his part to the prestige of the name, and is recognized as a successful and loyal citizen.

He was born January 6, 1870, at Elyria, gained his education in the public schools, and in the third year of high school gave up his studies in order to enter the store of his father. With that great business, elsewhere described, he has been identified ever since. For the past fifteen years he has been buyer and successful manager of the carpet and curtain department.

In political views Mr. Lersch is a stanch republican, though not to the extent of considering party before principle. To a question in regard to his religious views he would doubtless reply—"they are embodied in Leigh Hunt's poem 'Abou Ben Adhem.'"

On January 16, 1895, he married Miss Lelia B. Boynton at her home

in Elyria. Of this union there was one child, Miriam B., who died at the age of fifteen on January 9, 1915.

ROBERT B. LERSCH. Junior member of the well known firm of John Lersch & Company, proprietors of the largest dry goods store between Cleveland and Toledo, and vice president and a director of the National Bank of Elyria, Robert B. Lersch is a native of the city in which he is now engaged in business and is a son of John and Pamela (Boynton) Lersch. The career of John Lersch furnishes subject matter for another article, published elsewhere in this work.

Robert Boynton Lersch was born at Elyria, November 10, 1871, grew up at Elyria, where he was graduated from the high school in 1889, and following this took a partial course in law at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland. However, he did not pursue the law as a vocation, turning his attention to business affairs, although his legal training has been of no little value to him in subsequent years. Leaving college to identify himself actively with the firm of John Lersch & Company, he has been an associate member of the firm since 1893.

For a number of years Mr. Lersch has also been a figure in public life in the city and county. He began voting the republican ticket as soon as he reached his majority, and in 1896 was elected a member of the city council of Elyria, to which body he was re-elected four times, and in which he gave much service of a definite and helpful order in shaping the policies of the city government during that time. In 1903 the Lorain County Republican Convention chose Mr. Lersch on the first ballot as candidate for the State Legislature, and during his term at Columbus he was chairman of the finance committee and secretary of the committee on cities that prepared and presented the Payne bill, providing for the municipal code of Ohio. While a member of the Elyria City Council, Mr. Lersch was also chairman of the water committee, during the great seven-year fight, which enlisted the services of some of the greatest lawyers in the country, and which resulted in securing for Elyria its own water works plant on the shores of Lake Erie, where the water is pumped and filtered and piped to the city from the lake. He is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and is fraternally a Knight Templar Mason, affiliating with Elyria Commandery No. 60, and a member of the Order of Elks and the Knights of the Maccabees. Socially, he is a popular member of the Elyria Country Club and the Cleveland Athletic Club, of Cleveland. A trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. Lersch has always taken an active interest in that organization. He was captain of one of the teams at the time the money was raised to build the beautiful building of the institution here, and was one of the twenty guests at a dinner given by the late W. N. Gates, at which time the subject of erecting such a structure at Elyria was first broached.

On November 10, 1897, Mr. Lersch was married to Miss Helen Seward, who was born and reared in Lorain County, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas and Etta Seward. To this marriage there have been born two daughters: Dorothy and Jane.

HARRY MOORE REDINGTON, son of Judge Horace G. Redington, whose sketch appears on other pages, was born in Amherst, Lorain County, February 22, 1886. He attended the public schools at Amherst, also Oberlin Academy, and entering the Western Reserve Law School was

graduated LL. B. in June, 1910. He was admitted to the bar by examination in June of the same year.

On July 6, 1910, only a few weeks after setting up in practice at Elyria, he married Miss Mary Lydia Peck of Oberlin, Ohio, daughter of Jonathan F. and Medora E. (Wack) Peck. Her father died many years ago and is buried at his old home in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and the mother is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Redington. Mrs. Redington was graduated from Oberlin Academy, spent several years in the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and about two years in the New York Art School of New York City.

Mr. Redington had his first law office in the Redington Block, where he established himself August 4, 1910, and where his father later had his offices. After one year of practice alone he and his father shared the same office until February 1, 1914. The son then moved into the Elyria Block, continued alone until January 7, 1915, and then became junior member of the firm of Pounds & Redington, his associate being Harry A. Pounds, mention of whom is found on other pages.

In politics Mr. Redington is a democrat, and was the first president of the democratic club known as the Elyria Democratic Club and was active in its organization on July 17, 1914. He continued as its president until January 1, 1915, and is now a member of its executive committee. Fraternally his affiliations are with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also belongs to the Elyria Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and to the Men's Club of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Redington was brought up as an Episcopalian and attends that church. They have a daughter, Rosemary, born at Elyria, May 13, 1912, and a son James Peck, born October 30, 1913.

THOMAS JOHNSTON. In the history of Lorain County, a name that appears frequently is that of Johnston, the members of this family having borne honored parts in professional, business, military, public and civic life. This family was founded here as early as 1838 by Thomas Johnston, now long since deceased, but whose descendants still represent the family honorably and bear evidence of the possession of the sturdy qualities of this old pioneer.

Thomas Johnston was born at Palmerston (Wilton), Saratoga County, New York, August 30, 1777, and was a son of Peter and Susannah (Johnson) Johnston. His father was born at Lockerby, Annandale, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in 1735, and in 1773 applied for and received a certificate of good character signed by the magistrate of the borough of Lochmaben, in the same year taking his wife and children and starting for America. Embarking at Dumfries, they were carried in safety to the new country, the vessel duly making port at New York, from whence Peter Johnston took his family to Palmerston, Saratoga County, New York, which township afterwards was renamed Wilton. This was a newly-settled community, and the new arrivals were forced to face many hardships and overcome numerous obstacles. The heavy timber with which the tract was covered was cleared, cut into logs and made into rafts, and these were floated down to Troy, Albany and New York City. When the Revolutionary war broke out Peter Johnston first joined a company of Minute Men for the protection of the home community, but afterward enlisted in the Thirteenth Regiment of Albany County militia, known as Col. Cornelius Van Veghten's Regiment, and served as private in Capt. Ephraim Woodworth's Company. When his military service was completed, Peter Johnston returned to his Saratoga County

farm and there passed the remaining years of his life in the development of a home, dying at Wilton, New York, September 13, 1798, aged sixty-three years. He was twice married, first in 1763 to Jane Mundle, by whom he had a son and a daughter, Andrew and Elizabeth. She died about 1771 and a year later he married Susannah Johnson, born in Scotland, and died at Wilton, New York, December 29, 1787, daughter of Archibald Johnson. They became the parents of four children: Jane, Thomas, Nancy and Mary. Peter Johnston and his wife Susannah were buried in the cemetery near Emerson's Corners, at Wilton.

Thomas Johnston passed his boyhood on the home farm near Mount McGregor, New York, and received his early education in the common schools. It was the desire of his father that he become a minister, and he was sent away to be educated, but the youth did not finish the course nor did he adopt the calling, although to the end of his life he was ever ready to uphold his views in regard to religious topics, and was willing even to neglect his work to expound his theological doctrines to whomsoever should bring the subject up. His father was a devout Presbyterian, but early in life Thomas concluded from his researches that baptism by immersion was the only true form, and accordingly identified himself with the Baptist Church, although he did not become a professed member thereof for many years.

In 1800 Thomas Johnston was married to Lucy Benedict, daughter of Elisha and Thankful (Gregory) Benedict, of Northumberland, New York, and settled in that vicinity, where a son was born to them the next year, but both mother and child died within a few days, the former August 4, 1801. Later Mr. Johnston moved to Fairfield, Franklin County, Vermont, where he married Susanna Cleveland, daughter of Stephen and Polly (Goodin) Cleveland. She was born at Bennington, Vermont, October 2, 1781, and was a member of a family the descendants of which have spread all over the country and have become prominent in every walk of life. The founder of this family in America, Moses Cleveland, is supposed to have been born in 1624, and came from Ipswich, Suffolk, England, to Woburn, Massachusetts, in 1635, as an indentured apprentice to a housewright. He became a freeman in 1643 and was married September 16, 1648, to Annie Winn, who bore him eleven children: Moses; Hannah; Aaron, the direct ancestor of President Grover Cleveland; Samuel; Miriam; Joanna; Edward; Josiah, the ancestor of Gen. Moses Cleveland, founder of the City of Cleveland, Ohio; Isaac; Joanna (2) and Enoch. Susanna (Cleveland) Johnston was in the sixth generation of the family in America.

Some time after his second marriage, Thomas Johnston bought a tract of land in Vermont, adjoining Fairfield, and settled there with his bride, but in 1804, being pressed for deferred payments on this property, disposed of it in order to save his improvements and bought a piece of land in Fairfield, Franklin County, Vermont, where he resided until 1811. In that year he moved to Oneida County, New York, and while he was residing in that locality witnessed the outbreak of the War of 1812 and enlisted in Capt. Earl Fillmore's company of Colonel Stone's regiment, New York militia. He served with that organization for 188 days as a private, and after his death his widow drew a pension for this service. In 1822 Mr. Johnston removed to Leyden, Lewis County, New York, and after three years made removal with his family to Shelby, Orleans County, New York, where he purchased a fine property on Maple Ridge, not far from Millville.

In 1832 the Johnston family started for the Western Reserve of Ohio, taking pasage on a canal boat to Buffalo and sailing thence by steamer

to Cleveland, Ohio, where they embarked in two wagons, thus traveling to Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio, where they settled on a farm. In November, 1838, they made another removal, this time into the adjoining county of Lorain, where they settled on a farm on the east branch of the Black River, about a mile south of Grafton, which was then known as Rawsonville. They were among the pioneers of that locality, where they built a log house and planted an orchard, but after their children were all married the parents sold the farm, and it has since changed hands several times. Thomas Johnston died July 22, 1858, at the home of his son, Paul M., at LaGrange, Ohio, whence he had moved at the time of his retirement, while the mother survived him until July 19, 1873, and passed away near the old homestead. They were buried side by side in the cemetery three miles east of LaGrange, where a substantial monument marks the resting-place of these two sturdy old pioneers. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Polly M., who married Theodore Perkins; Peter B.; Stephen C.; Lucy B., who married Horace Perkins; William L.; Betsey M.; Drew M.; Betsey M. (2), who married Elihu F. Terrell; Sarah J., who married Sanford Thorp; Lois Ann Miller, who married first David Gregory, and second Virgil H. Worden; Charles W.; and Paul Milton. All of these children are now deceased.

Paul Milton Johnston, Sr. Although thirty-five years have passed since the death of Paul Milton Johnston, a record of his life is worthy of a place in any history of the community of Lorain County. One of the early school teachers of this vicinity, he was also engaged in business and agricultural ventures, and throughout a life of industry and usefulness held the confidence and warm regard of those with whom he was brought into contact in any capacity.

Mr. Johnston was born at Shelby, Orleans County, New York, April 12, 1827, and died at Grafton, Lorain County, Ohio, November 28, 1880. He was a son of Thomas and Susanna (Cleveland) Johnston, pioneers of the Western Reserve of Ohio, of whom separate mention is extensively made in another part of this work. In 1832 Mr. Johnston moved with his parents to Ohio, settling at Brunswick, Medina County, on a farm, and in November, 1838, came to Lorain County, the family locating on land on the east branch of the Black River, about one mile south of Grafton. There the father erected a log house and planted an orchard, and there the sons were brought up to agricultural pursuits. Paul M. Johnston worked on the old home farm until attaining his majority, and in the meantime secured such educational training as was afforded by the pioneer schools. He qualified as a teacher and for several years was in charge of schools in his locality, but subsequently engaged as a drover in company with his brother Charles, with whom he made a tour of the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

On Christmas eve, 1857, Mr. Johnston was married at LaGrange, Ohio, to Maria Hicks Obitts, who was born at Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York, April 17, 1834, a daughter of Jacob and Betsey (Gillett) Obitts. Not long after his marriage Mr. Johnston engaged in the general merchandise business with George Robbins, Freeman Sheldon and Lionel Sheldon, but about 1860 moved to Liverpool, Medina County, Ohio, and there with George W. Noble became the founder of an iron foundry. Mr. Johnston was a man of phenomenal strength and at various times it was his pleasure to show his prowess in this direction to his friends. While living at Liverpool, on one occasion he made a wager that he could carry a hog for a quarter of a mile, a task which was accom-

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plished by him, but which soon cost him dearly, as within the next few days he was stricken with apoplexy, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. For several weeks he lay at death's door, but finally recovered sufficiently to do ordinary work. About 1864 he disposed of his interests in the iron foundry and purchased a farm in Grafton Township, Lorain County, near Kingsby's Corners, and in 1869 traded this for another farm, located on the Black River about one-quarter of a mile from the original place on which his father had settled. Here he lived in comparative comfort and happiness for several years, but August 12, 1875, his wife died after only a few weeks of illness, during which the devoted husband nursed her night and day, and really wrecked his own health which had not been any too strong. His constitution was hearty, however, and undoubtedly he would have recovered had he made the effort, but the death of his wife, of whom he was fond beyond the average nature of conjugal love, caused him to lose interest in life, and while he survived her for five years, it was ever his expressed wish that he go to join her. To add to his troubles, in the next winter, at LaGrange, whence he had gone to live for a year after leasing the home farm, he slipped upon the icy streets and fractured the cap of his knee in three places, which rendered him a cripple for life. In the following year he moved back to the farm, but was dependent upon his sons, William and Charles, for all the work in the fields, and upon his daughter Helena, for the care of the house. In 1879 he sold his farm and bought a property at Grafton, and there the remaining year of his life was passed.

There were four children in the family, namely: W. B., who is a practicing attorney at Elyria; Mrs. Helena M. Rawson, who died at LaGrange in September, 1914; Capt. Charles E., of Washington, D. C.; and Paul M. Jr., of Elyria, of whom special mention is made in following sketch. The children were all educated in the schools of Lorain County, and Capt. Charles E. is a graduate of Elyria High School and the military academy at Annapolis; while Helena was a graduate of the Grafton High School; and Paul M. completed his studies at the LaGrange High School.

Paul Milton Johnston, Jr. One of the beneficent institutions of Lorain County, the founding of which was regarded with general satisfaction by members of the bar, as well as by people interested in the welfare of children, and the importance and value of which has become more and more recognized as the years have passed, is the Lorain County Juvenile Court, which under the administration of its officers has proved a triumphant success, vindicating the faith of its projectors and realizing the hopes of the humane men and women who had called it into being. Since April, 1913, one of the leading contributors to the success of this court has been Paul Milton Johnston, Jr., who bears the title of Chief Probation Officer, and who has labored energetically and disinterestedly in behalf of the welfare of the youthful charges placed in his care.

Mr. Johnston was born at Grafton, Lorain County, Ohio, June 9, 1875, and is a son of Paul M. and Maria Hicks (Obitts) Johnston, whose histories furnish subject matter for another sketch to be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. Johnston's mother died when he was about two months old and at that time he was taken into the family of his aunt, Mrs. Julius Beeman Gott, of LaGrange, Ohio. He grew up at that place and attended the public schools, and was graduated in 1890, following which he took a commercial course at Caton's Business College, Cleveland. On his return to LaGrange, he secured employment in a general merchandise

store, where he earned the reputation of being faithful, industrious and energetic. An odd coincidence is found in the fact that this store was located on the identical site of the one in which Mr. Johnston's father had commenced business many years before. In 1908, with associates, Mr. Johnston incorporated the LaGrange Elevator Company, with which he was identified until April, 1913. While at LaGrange he had served in the capacity of councilman, corporation clerk and township clerk, having been first elected to the last named office when he was but twenty-one years of age and continuing to hold it as long as he remained at LaGrange. He came to Elyria in April, 1913, when he received the appointment of chief probation officer from Judge H. C. Wilcox of the Juvenile Court, a position in which he has won the universal regard of the community because of the work he has accomplished for the youth of the county.

Mr. Johnston is a member of LaGrange Lodge No. 399, Free and Accepted Masons, as well as the Chapter and Council at Elyria; and the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 7729, of LaGrange. With his family, he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Johnston was married June 15, 1898, to Miss Hattie Electa Underhill, daughter of Hon. A. R. and Sophronia (Sweet) Underhill. Mrs. Johnston was born at LaGrange, a member of that city's old and honored family of Underhill, her father now being mayor of the city. She received good educational advantages, being a graduate of the LaGrange High School. Mrs. Johnston is not a clubwoman, preferring her home to outside connections, but is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is active in religious work of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in which she belongs to several societies. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston: Wilma, born at LaGrange; and Paul M. III, born at Elyria.

Angelo Delia. As Italy has been the source of some of the world's greatest art and literature for centuries, it is a distinction to the City of Elyria that it possesses among its citizens one of the most finished sculptors from the shores of that artistic nation. Angelo Delia had a passion for art as a boy, went against the wishes of his parents and friends, who had planned a career for him in the church, and passed years of study and hard apprenticeship in learning all the details of sculpture. Mr. Delia is now one of Elyria's successful business men and head of the firm of Delia & Galli, manufacturers and dealers in cemetery memorials of granite, marble and bronze, and contractors in building and carving. The home of the company is at 244 East Broad Street.

The birthplace of Angelo Delia was the Town of Besano, Italy, where he first saw the light of day July 15, 1884. His parents are Giovanni and Angela (Galli) Delia, the former also a native of Besano and the latter of Guasso, Italy. His father is a mason by trade and a railroad contractor and still lives at Besano and in the course of his active career has been steadily pursuing his trade and the contracting business and is one of the influential citizens of his community. He saw active service for the required time in the standing army of Italy, but being now past the military age will probably not be called upon for active service in the present war, except in case of extreme need. Angelo is the youngest of a family of two sons and two daughters. The oldest is Mrs. Marta Bottinelli of Besano, Italy; Lazzaro Delia is married and is residing in Algeria, Northern Africa, where he is a mason contractor in railroad building; Maria Bottinelli who married a cousin to her older sister's husband, died at Wilmington, Delaware, in 1912.

A short time before the birth of Angelo Delia a new priest came to the parish including Besano, and his was the first birth under the

pastorate of that venerable father, who was greatly beloved in that locality and in many ways befriended the members of the Delia family. As already stated it was the wish of his father that Angelo Delia should enter the priesthood, and the devout priest used all his influence to the same end. The boy might have received the best advantages of the Italian schools and seminaries, but from an early age his desire was all for an artistic career. After attending the schools of Besano until he was ten years of age, he found opportunities to study the art of sculpture at Vigiu. Vigiu is a town noted for its fine opportunities to students of this art, and he remained there working and studying for five years. He received no pay during this apprenticeship, and as Vigiu was five miles from his home he walked back and forth the entire distance both ways night and morning, and through rain or shine. While at Vigiu he was employed two or three hours of each day with the hammer, and then went with the other students to study and practice drawing and designing, and also in clay modeling and figure moulding. Then after the day's study and work was completed he attended what is called the Corporation College during the night classes. This college is conducted for the benefit of young men learning the technical trades, and classes are held for instruction in practically all of the technical and industrial arts. At the end of his five years at Vigiu he won a first premium for his skill in carving. The next step in his profession was to locate at Milan, Italy, where he attended the Brera Milano, one of the largest colleges in Italy for the teaching of drawing, sculpture and architecture. He remained in that college two years.

In 1901 Mr. Delia came to the United States, landing at Castle Garden in New York, and first locating at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was employed for two months in a monument shop. The persistent smoky atmosphere of Pittsburg caused him to leave and go to Cleveland, where for a year and a half he was employed in monument work by Joseph Carabelli, and then in similar employment with the firm of Broggini Brothers for six months at Cleveland. In 1905 Mr. Delia came to Elyria, and was in the employ of S. L. Sands until he and his partner, Mr. Galli, bought out the business in 1912. The firm of Delia & Galli are now the principal center in Lorain County for artistic products in sculptured material.

Fraternally Mr. Delia is affiliated with Elyria Aerie No. 431 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He married Miss Amelia Malnati in Cleveland, a daughter of Angelo Malnati and wife, both of whom died at Cleveland.

Caesar A. Galli. Junior member of the firm of Delia & Galli, manufacturers and dealers in cemetery memorials, of granite, marble and bronze, and contractors in building and carving of all kinds, Caesar A. Galli is a competent associate with Mr. Delia in one of the most important concerns of its kind in Northern Ohio. Both proprietors of this firm are experienced stone carvers, sculptors, and have both the practical and artistic side of their profession thoroughly mastered.

A native of Italy, Caesar A. Galli was born in Saltrio, July 20, 1886, a son of Fedele and Lucia (Sartorelli) Galli. His parents were born in the same locality, and his father is still living there and for years has carried on the same business as that in which his son is engaged at Elyria. He had a large business as a manufacturer until the European war brought the industry practically to a standstill. Formerly he took many contracts for the construction of buildings out of solid granite, but that durable and expensive process has practically become obsolete since the introduction of tile, cement and other materials in building construction. The father saw active service with the Italian army in the war against

Austria both in 1859 and again in 1866, and is now a pensioner for his service. The mother died in Italy about 1895. They had a large household of children. Nine of the sons are now in the United States. One of them, James Galli, is manager of the Presbrey-Cuykendall Company, at Barre, Vermont, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the East for contracting in granite work and in the building of mausoleums. Some of the other sons are employed under James Galli at Barre, and there are two sisters living in that city, besides one at home in Italy. Four of the family are deceased, and altogether there was a large number of children who grew up in the Galli household back in Italy.

Until he was twelve years of age Caesar A. Galli attended the local schools. He then was placed in the Brera Milano at Milan, Italy, and learned both the technic of the practical trade and the art of sculpture. His training was unusually thorough. While in the school he worked in clay modeling each day for two hours, then spent a similar time in designing, and then performed practical work with the chisel for two hours. In this way he went along for seven years, and at the age of nineteen years had finished his apprenticeship as a sculptor.

On coming to the United States and landing in New York City on May 2, 1904, he went at once to Barre, Vermont, where some of his older brothers had located ten years previously. He found work in that great center of the granite industry for two years, and at the age of twenty went to Boston and for three months was employed on the Cambridge Bridge. His next location as a journeyman was in New York City, and also in Newark, New Jersey, where he was employed in several different contracts of carving and sculpture work. From there he went to the Southwest, at Llano, Texas, and for about six months was engaged in stone carving for a church at Houston, Texas. Returning East, he worked on the Metropolitan Building at Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue in New York City as a carver, subsequently on the courthouse at Jersey City, New Jersey, and for six months was one of the carvers at Washington, District of Columbia, on the National Museum Building. Then followed a period of travel over the New England states ending with his arrival at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1909. He spent about a year in Cleveland, most of the time engaged in carving for the Cuyahoga County Courthouse.

On March 29, 1909, Mr. Galli married in Cleveland Miss Pearl Malnati. She was also born in Italy. After their marriage Mr. Galli returned to Barre, Vermont, and for a time was employed by the Presbrey-Cuykendall Company as a traveling inspector for their mausoleums and other granite construction contracts. After six months his employment in this firm was terminated by the big strike in the granite quarries by the granite cutters. This interval he filled up by work on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the public square in Syracuse, New York, and then returned to Barre and took a well earned vacation. His next location was at Boston, where he took for himself a contract to perform part of the carving for the Municipal Building in New York City. The carving was all done in Boston, and the finished material shipped from that city to New York.

Having finished this contract, Mr. Galli came from Boston direct to Elyria in 1912, and here joined his brother-in-law, Angelo Delia, who had also married a Miss Malnati, and together they bought the monument business of S. L. Sands. In the past three years they have built up their business second to none of its kind in Lorain County and among the first in Northern Ohio.

Mr. Galli is affiliated with Elyria Lodge No. 431 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, is a member of the Granite Cutters International Union Association, of the Ohio Retail Monument Dealers Association, and the

National Retail Monument Dealers Association. He and his wife have one daughter, Alma C., who was born in Barre, Vermont, and is now five years of age.

Francis O. Richey. The only member of the Lorain County bar making a specialty of patent law, and the only one thoroughly qualified in this county for its practice is F. O. Richey, who since locating here has developed a large business mostly in corporation and patent work. For a number of years Mr. Richey lived in Washington, District of Columbia, and while there was connected with the patent office, an experience which has proved invaluable to him in his practice as a patent lawyer.

A Virginian by birth, Francis O. Richey was born in Clarke County of that state August 15, 1878, a son of John S. and Ella M. (Locke) Richey, who were also natives of Virginia and since 1913 have lived in Elyria. John S. Richey as secretary of the Retail Merchants Association of Elyria has offices in the Chamber of Commerce. In earlier years he was a merchant at Fort Defiance, Virginia, and in the same line of business at St. Joseph, Missouri, until moving to Elyria in 1915. F. O. Richey is the oldest in a family of nine children, eight of whom are living, three of them in New York State, one in Boston, one in Tennessee, and one in Montana. He and his brother Herbert are the only ones living in Lorain County. Herbert has his home in the Y. M. C. A. Building at Elyria.

Mr. Richey was liberally educated, took his preparatory work in the Augusta Military Academy in Augusta County, Virginia, and then entered the University of Virginia, from which he received a degree in electrical engineering. He is thus a man of thorough technical training, and in the branch of law to which he gives his chief attention that is almost as essential as his knowledge of the fundamental principles of jurisprudence. While living in the City of Washington Mr. Richey studied law in the National University, and his degree of LL. B. was given by that institution. For three years he was assistant examiner in the patent office at Washington, then in March, 1909, came to Elyria as special counsel for the Dean Electric Company, having charge of their law and patent work. Since 1914 Mr. Richey has been in practice as attorney and counselor at law, with special attention to patent and trade mark causes, and with offices in the Masonic Temple.

Owing to the fact that his home after reaching majority was in the City of Washington until coming to Elyria, Mr. Richey cast his first vote in this city. This is due to the fact that all residents of the District of Columbia are without the right of franchise. Mr. Richey is affiliated with Elyria Lodge No. 456 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a member of the Y. M. C. A., the Elyria Country Club, the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and his hard work at his profession is varied by his recreative pursuits of golf in the summer and hand ball in the winter.

On May 21, 1914, he married Miss Helen D. Betteridge of Elyria, a sister of Dr. Edward Betteridge of that city. Mrs. Richey was born in Kentucky but received her education in the public schools at Elyria, being a graduate of the high school in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Richey have a little daughter, Bettie Jane, born June 29, 1915.

Frank Marion Stevens. Since establishing himself in active practice of the law at Elyria nineteen years ago, Mr. Stevens has enjoyed many of the most substantial successes of the able lawyer, has interested himself in politics with disinterested motives and has several times been honored with office and his professional, business and social connections

indicate that he has won a most enviable position in the community. A native of Chicago, Frank M. Stevens was born February 27, 1873, a son of George W. and Mellissa (Fullington) Stevens. His parents are both living in Elyria, and have had their home there since 1887. His father, who was born in the vicinity of Concord, New Hampshire, spent his active career as a railroad man, and for many years was with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. While living in Chicago he was superintendent of the shops of the West End, later was stationed at Elkhart, Indiana, as master mechanic, and was superintendent of motive power at Cleveland until he retired from the service. His wife was born at Ypsilanti, Michigan. Their children, all living, are three boys and two girls, mentioned in order of age as follows: Mrs. T. S. Faxon, of Elyria; Frank M.; George, a resident of New York City; H. C., of Chicago; and Mrs. Robert Ely of Elyria. All were born in Elkhart, Indiana, except Frank Marion.

Mr. Stevens was liberally educated, having graduated from the Elyria High School with the class of 1891, and subsequently was a student in Adelbert College, Western Reserve University and Ohio State University. He attended the academy of Western Reserve University one year, then entered Adelbert College, and during two years, 1893 to 1895, spent at home after leaving college, he read law in the office of Johnston & Leonard at Elyria. He then continued his studies in the University of Ohio, where he was graduated LL. B. in 1897. During 1898 he gained his initial experience as a lawyer at Elyria in the office of the late E. G. Johnson, who was in his time one of the most prominent members of the Lorain County bar. Since 1899 Mr. Stevens has conducted an independent practice, and has looked after a broad range of legal business, having been connected with some of the most important cases tried in the local courts during that time. Most of his public service has been within the line of his profession. In politics he is an active republican, and served four years from 1899 to 1904 as city solicitor of Elyria, and for seven successive years was prosecuting attorney of Lorain County, from 1906 to 1912. Mr. Stevens is also a director of the National Bank of Elyria, a director of the Hecock Floral Company of Elyria, a director of the Lorain Building Company, of the Lorain County Electric Company.

He is a member of all the Masonic bodies of Elyria and is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is also affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees at Elyria, the Woodmen of the World, and Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His name is found on the membership rolls of such organizations as the Lorain County Bar Association, the Elyria Country Club, the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and his fondness for outdoor life leads him into such recreations as baseball, golf and tennis. In a political way he rendered some valuable service as secretary of the Lorain County Republican Executive Committee during McKinley's two campaigns in 1896 and 1900, and from 1900 to 1904 was the clerk of the board of elections. He is a member of the Elyria Board of Education.

On October 4, 1901, Mr. Stevens married Miss Helen M. Moriarty, daughter of Mrs. Ellen Moriarty of Elyria. She was born and educated at Elyria, and is the mother of two children: Frank E., born at Elyria, March 27, 1904; and Richard F., born at Elyria, November 3, 1907.

Dr. H. Lynn Knapp, D. O. At Elyria one of the physicians who can claim a patronage of exceptional numerical strength and value is Doctor Knapp, osteopath, who during nearly ten years of residence in Lorain County has enjoyed a success and standing that are creditable not only to him personally but to his profession. It is largely through the able

and conscientious work of such men as Doctor Knapp that osteopathy, which originated only about twenty years ago, has won its place with the older schools of medicine. Doctor Knapp is one of the ablest exponents of this science in Northern Ohio.

A New Yorker by birth, Doctor Knapp was born in North Collins, Erie County, twenty miles from the City of Buffalo, on July 19, 1883. His parents are Anthony Wayne, who was named for the famous Indian fighter, and Florence (Wood) Knapp. His father was born in Perrysburg, New York, and his mother at North Collins, and they were married and spent many years in the latter locality. They now reside retired at East Aurora, New York. Anthony W. Knapp spent twenty-six years as a teacher in country schools in New York State. He received his education from the public schools of Erie County. He is affiliated with the Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at North Collins. Of the three children in the family the first two are twin daughters, Clara and Carrie, the former now Mrs. H. H. Graham of Buffalo, New York, and the latter Mrs. A. Ross Gray, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. All the children were born at the home of their parents in North Collins in Erie County, and received their education in the public schools of Buffalo.

Doctor Knapp is a graduate of Masten Park High School of Buffalo with the class of 1901, and having determined upon a professional career he soon afterwards entered the S. S. Still College of Osteopathy at Des Moines, Iowa, from which he received his degree D. O. in 1905. His practice began in Galveston, Texas, in 1905, but after nine months he returned north and since July, 1906, has had his home and office at Elyria. Doctor Knapp has his offices in the Masonic Temple, and is a member of the American Osteopathic Association. Fraternally he is identified with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, with the Royal Arch Chapter, and takes an active interest in local affairs, largely through the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. His religious faith is that of the Unitarian Church. His principal recreation is found in automobiling, and he is a member of the Elyria Automobile Association.

September 30, 1907, Doctor Knapp married Miss Esther M. Kamper, a woman of broad culture and a member of one of the fine old families of Buffalo, New York, her parents being W. R. and Lulu Lenice (Wilgus) Kamper, both of whom are now living at Buffalo, where her father is in the wholesale business. Mrs. Knapp was born in Buffalo, attended the public schools and is also a graduate of the Masten Park High School. Dr. and Mrs. Knapp have two children, Lenice Florence, who was born March 2, 1909, in Elyria and her names are in honor of her two grandmothers, and Lester Ben, born September 3, 1915. The residence of Doctor Knapp and family is at 206 Harvard Avenue.

Harry A. Pounds, who has been a lawyer in this city for more than fifteen years, is a member of the firm of Pounds & Redington, with offices in the Elyria Block. This firm has a high reputation for the successful results of many important cases which have gone through their hands.

Harry A. Pounds was born in Eaton Township of Lorain County, Ohio, July 25, 1874, a son of Thomas M. and Mary Frances (Zehring) Pounds. His father was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and was brought when a child to Wayne County, Ohio, where he married Miss Zehring, a native of that county. They were married about 1865, and in 1868 they settled in Eaton Township of Lorain County. Thomas Pounds spent most of his life as a farmer, but during his youth had served an apprenticeship to a tanner, and while living in Wayne County worked at his trade and also had a tannery at West Lebanon. He was connected with the tanning business after locating in Lorain County. He gave up farming in 1883 and moved to Elyria, where he lived retired,

renting his place in Eaton Township, until his death on February 28, 1887. His widow is still living in Elyria. There were two children, and the daughter Mildred Louise now lives with her mother and is a teacher in the Elyria public schools.

Harry A. Pounds has lived at Elyria since he was nine years old. His education was continued in the public schools of that city, and he graduated from high school in 1891. After a brief attendance at the Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware he entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and remained until graduating LL. B. with the class of 1898. In October of the same year he was admitted by examination to the Ohio bar, and began active practice in Elyria on March 1, 1898. He soon came to be known as a young attorney of excellent habits and ability and the skill and energy which he put into the conduct of his cases soon brought him an important practice. He was engaged in individual practice until January, 1915, at which time the present partnership of Pounds & Redington was established. His associate is Harry M. Redington, a well known lawyer whose name is mentioned on other pages.

Mr. Pounds has not given all his time to private practice. From 1908 to 1912, a period of four years, he served as city solicitor of Elyria. He was director of public safety for one year from January 1, 1912, to February 1, 1913. He is a republican in politics and a member of the Lorain County Bar Association.

On June 4, 1908, Mr. Pounds married Miss Nellie M. Hastings, daughter of Lewis and Harriet (Gott) Hastings of Elyria. Both the Gott and Hastings families have been long established in LaGrange Township of Lorain County, and Mrs. Pounds was born and educated in the Village of LaGrange in that township.

Harry Hinkson. One of the old established men in the contracting and building business in Lorain County is Harry Hinkson, who has recently opened offices alone in the Masonic Temple at Elyria, and now looks after a large business as a contractor and builder and also in real estate and insurance. He came to Lorain County more than a quarter of a century ago, and has been almost continuously identified with contracting and has acquired a number of other interests.

His early life was spent mainly in Buffalo, New York, though he was born in Dubuque, Iowa, September 15, 1867, a son of Ransom and Hattie (Barnett) Hinkson. His father was born in Ottawa, Canada, and the mother was born in Wiltshire, England, and when about two years of age was brought to the United States by her parents who located in Dubuque, Iowa, in which city she was reared and married. In the spring of 1873 the family removed to Buffalo, New York, where she died in 1907, at the age of fifty-eight. Ransom Hinkson when a boy went with his parents to Iowa, and lived there until the removal to Buffalo already mentioned. Grandfather Hinkson owned and kept a tavern on the old overland route to California. It was a flourishing institution during the memorable days of '49 and following, when all the roads of the West were crowded with emigrants and gold seekers, and large numbers of them were entertained at the Hinkson Tavern. This house was the last of its type along that route to give way to a more modern hotel. The Hinksons were thus among the early settlers of Iowa, and Ransom Hinkson hauled the first poles for the first telegraph line built through that section of the state, not many years after the telegraph had become a practical means for the transmission of intelligence. By business he was a general contractor and since 1873 has lived in Buffalo, and beginning with the first administration of President Cleveland has continuously

served as cattle inspector at the Buffalo Stock Yards. He is now sixty-eight years of age. Of the five children in the family, two sons and three daughters, two died in infancy and the three now living are: Harry; Ruby, Mrs. Glen Fargo of Buffalo; and May, wife of Harold Martin of Cleveland, Ohio. All the children were born in Iowa.

About five years of age when the family left Iowa and established their home in Buffalo, Harry Hinkson regularly attended the public schools of that city up to thirteen. Since that age he has been doing for himself, and his first employment was in a planing mill. He remained with that industry in Buffalo until 1889, and in that year came to Elyria to take charge, as foreman, of the sash and door department of the John Hart Planing Mill. A few years later ill health compelled him to give up the confining work of the mill, and for a year he was employed in farm labor in the country districts. Since returning to Elyria in 1895 he has been engaged in contracting and his business record now covers fully twenty years. A general opinion in that community is that Mr. Hinkson put the full force of his character and ability into every undertaking, and it was as a result of this characteristic that in a few years he had a larger business than he could individually attend to, and consequently in 1903 he organized the Hinkson-Halpin Company, contractors and builders. After retiring from this concern, he organized the corporation known as Hinkson-Buttenbender Company, general contractors, and dealers in real estate and insurance. He became president of the new organization, and after the Elyria Block in which the offices were located had burned the company moved its headquarters to the Masonic Temple. On March 1, 1915, the corporation was dissolved, and throughout its existence Mr. Hinkson had been president. As already stated he is now in business alone. In the course of his career at Elyria he has constructed a large number of the more substantial business buildings and residences, and has done an important work in developing unimproved real estate. He is also treasurer of the Park Amusement Company of Elyria, is president of the Elyria Fence Supply Company, and a stockholder in several other enterprises. He is the owner of considerable real estate and his own home is on Lake Avenue in Elyria Township just outside the city limits.

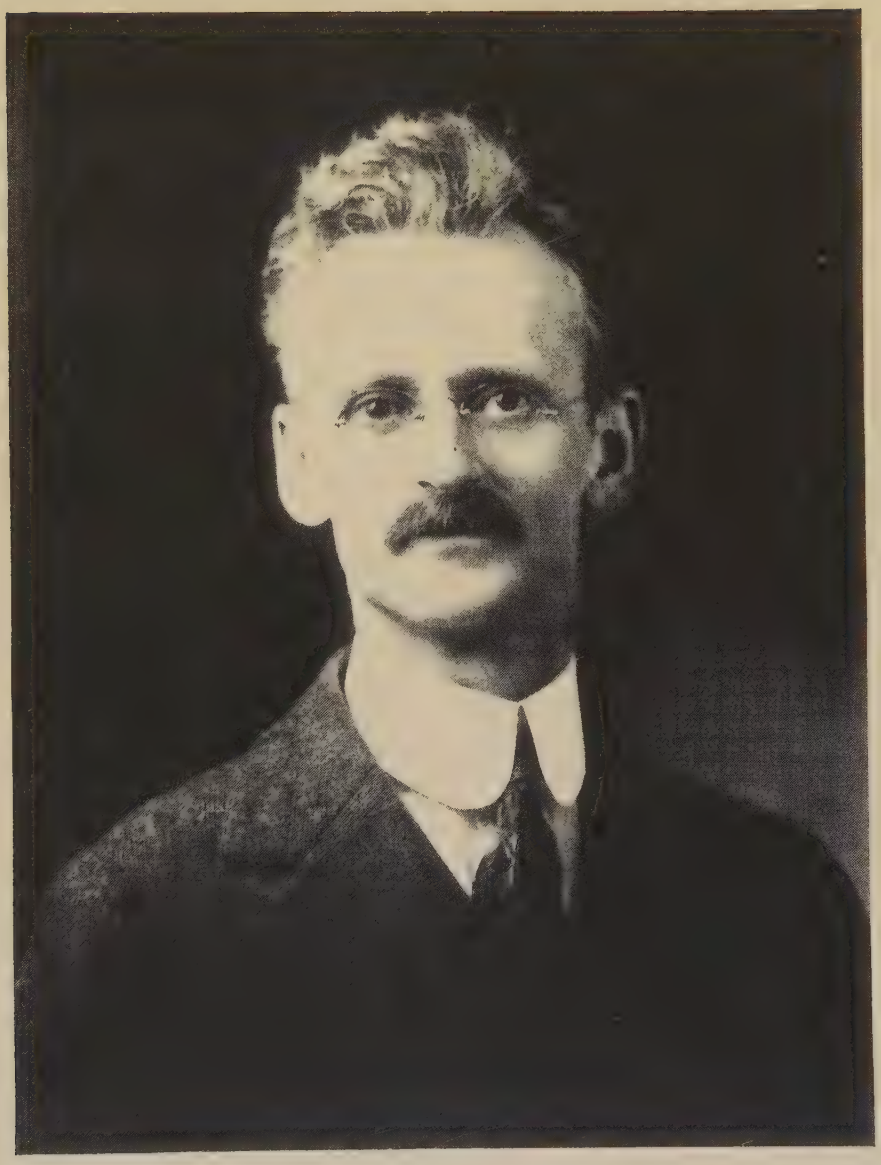
In politics he has been active as a democrat, though the subordinate position of that party in Lorain County has not permitted his able qualifications to represent the people in public office. He was the unsuccessful candidate of his party for sheriff in the fall of 1914. He is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, belongs to the Elyria Automobile Association, and takes a prominent part in fraternal orders. He is chairman of the trustees of the local branch of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a member of its building committee, and is also affiliated with Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees, and in Masonry belongs to King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, and Elyria Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masters.

October 23, 1890, he married Miss Bertha M. Eckler of Carlisle, Lorain County, daughter of John H. and Cornelia M. (Hart) Eckler, who were old settlers of Carlisle having come originally from Connecticut. Her father died on the homestead in Carlisle and her mother is now living in Elyria. Mrs. Hinkson was born and educated in Carlisle. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkson have a son, Rollin E., who was born at Elyria and following the work of the public schools finished his education in the Elyria Business College.

HUGH D. GREER, D. D. S. Of the many professional men who have their headquarters in the Masonic Temple at Elyria, Dr. Hugh D. Greer, dentist, is regarded as one of the ablest members of his profession and during his residence in Lorain County has made himself an influential factor in local affairs. Doctor Greer has a wide and varied experience in his profession, covering more than twenty years, and has seen a great deal of the country and of men and affairs generally.

His birth occurred in Lexington, Missouri, April 4, 1864. His parents were Joseph R. and Tabitha (Dickinson) Greer. His father was born in Virginia and his mother in Kentucky. When Doctor Greer was six years of age his father died and he was only two years old when deprived of a mother's care. The parents were married in Mecklin, Jackson County, Missouri. Joseph R. Greer was descended from the old McGregor stock of Scotland, where his father was born. Grandfather Greer on coming from Scotland brought two other brothers and first settled in New York and then moved to Virginia, where his son Joseph was born. Tabitha Dickinson was a Kentucky girl from the Blue Grass State, but her mother and father were both natives of England. Joseph R. Greer and his wife are buried in a little country churchyard located four miles west of Mecklin and about twenty-eight miles east of Kansas City, Missouri, a place which their son Doctor Greer visits whenever he is in that vicinity. Doctor Greer has one sister, one brother and a half brother: Mrs. Charles H. Ayers of Independence, Missouri; Thomas S., a physician and surgeon of Edgerton, Kansas; and Charles L., a half brother, whose mother was Nannie (White) Greer and who died at the birth of this only child, who is now a resident of Kansas City, Missouri. Nannie White's father lived at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. She died in April, 1870, and Joseph R. Greer passed away November 30, 1870. All the children including Doctor Hugh were reared in the home of an uncle and aunt, William Thomas and Elizabeth J. (Greer) Bell at Lexington, Missouri. In the spring of 1913 Doctor Greer visited these worthy people, for whom he has the strongest affection, for the first time in four years, but prior to that time had made it a practice to see them every year. Mr. Bell was an active farmer but has been retired for the past thirty years.

Doctor Greer lived with Mr. and Mrs. Bell on their farm until the age of fifteen. His education came from the public schools of Lexington, Missouri, but when quite young he found work as weighmaster in the coal mines at Wellington, Missouri, for the Wellington Coal Company, and was with that firm about four years. His next position was in the wholesale grocery house of Beckham-Mercer & Company at Kansas City, beginning as stock boy and having a place in the bookkeeping department when he left. It was while in that business that he gained his real education and training for life except his equipment for his profession. On leaving the grocery house he went to Texas and was at first one place and then another for about a year, after which he returned to Independence, Missouri, spent one year in the retail coal business, and then entered the dental office of Parker & Monser, dentists, and after being with them two years received a preceptor's certificate, which in those days entitled the holder to practice after registering the same with the county clerk. After ten months of practice Doctor Greer determined that he was insufficiently equipped for the profession, at least to pursue it independently, and accordingly gave up his office and went west to San Francisco. While he practiced dentistry there to some extent, his ill health interfered with any regular vocation and he put in his time chiefly in recuperating his strength. He lived on the Pacific Coast from the spring of 1888 to the fall of 1891, and after returning East his physician confided to him that he had sent him out to the coast to die,



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but was pleasantly disappointed at the rapid recovery. On returning to Kansas City Doctor Greer entered the office of Dr. George S. Monser, dentist, who had in the meantime moved to that city from Independence. He remained with him in practice about a year, and then going to Wichita, Kansas, was for six months in the employ of Doctor Boyd, a dentist there. He then opened an office for himself in Wichita, but at the end of six months sold out, and his next home was in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where for about a year he was employed in the offices of the New York Dentists in that city. He then opened an office of his own in Allegheny, now a part of Greater Pittsburg. This was about 1894. While in practice at Allegheny he also attended the Pittsburg Dental College, and few members of the profession have studied harder and done more to acquire proficiency and expertness in this calling. In 1898 Doctor Greer registered for practice in Ohio, and in May of that year located at Elyria. For nearly ten years he practiced with offices in the Wurst Block at 535 Broad Street, but sold out his practice in October, 1907, and for the following six years practiced in the metropolitan City of Cleveland, where his office was located just across from Higbee Company's big store on Euclid Avenue. On leaving Cleveland Doctor Greer returned to Elyria in June, 1913, and in the subsequent two years has acquired a large and profitable practice.

In politics Doctor Greer is a democrat, and that is unfortunate for the community, since he is eminently qualified for public service, but Lorain County has long been unfavorable to democratic candidates however well qualified, and it is only seldom that the individual popularity of a candidate overcomes the normal party prejudice. Doctor Greer in the fall of 1914 was on the democratic ticket as nominee for county auditor, and at an earlier date in 1902 had been a candidate for councilman at large in Elyria.

Fraternally Doctor Greer is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, at Elyria, with the Knights of the Maccabees at that city, and is well known both professionally and socially. His favorite recreation is mountain climbing, and whenever able to take a vacation he generally finds his way to the mountainous districts, usually in the West.

At Wichita, Kansas, November 25, 1892, Doctor Greer married Miss Ida M. Crawmer, daughter of James P. and Elizabeth Crawmer of Wichita. Mrs. Greer was born in Iowa, and was educated in the public schools of her native village and at Randell in that state, graduated from the high school at Superior, Nebraska, and subsequently finished a course in the Kansas State Normal School. Dr. and Mrs. Greer have a happy family of six children, five sons and one daughter: Arthur G. is now an engineer and is on one of the Great Lakes boats; Reed C. is in the real estate and insurance business with offices in the Masonic Temple at Elyria; Hugh D., Jr., is in high school; William Thomas Bell is also a high school student; Elizabeth D., is in the grades; and Richard H. begins school life in 1915. The first three children were born in Pennsylvania and the others in Elyria.

Lorenzo Dow Hamlin. At an early stage in his career, about thirty years ago, Lorenzo Dow Hamlin was known to a limited circle of people in Lorain County as a country school teacher. For some four or five years he was a faithful and rising employe in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the next stage of his career found him a Lorain County farmer. From this business he turned his attention to the law, and now for more than ten years has been one of the able and successful attorneys at Elyria.

Born at Ridgeville Corners, Henry County, Ohio, August 21, 1867,

Mr. Hamlin comes of one of the oldest American families, and his people have been identified with Ohio for several generations. Going back along the line of ancestry for a number of generations we come to the record of James Hamlin, who emigrated from London, England, in 1639, to the Massachusetts Colony, and settled at Barnstable, Massachusetts. He and his descendants became connected by marriage and otherwise with nearly all the old New England families. The next in line is James, II, and following him comes James, III, and then James, IV. A son of the last James was Job Hamlin, whose life fell in the historic period that concluded with the separation and independence of the American colonies. Job Hamlin was a colonial volunteer in the French and Indian wars, was with General Wolfe at the taking of Quebec, and later became an officer in the War of the Revolution. Although an official member of the church, a record is found of his being fined for profane swearing and doubtless he possessed the violent temper which has been always more or less an inalienable characteristic of the family. Continuing the lineage from Job the next is David Hamlin, whose son was David II, the last being the grandfather of Lorenzo Dow Hamlin of Elyria. David Hamlin II, married Roxanna Crocker, and both were of the Puritan stock and the Crockers were likewise among the first settlers of New England. David and Roxanna came from Lee, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and became early settlers at Dover, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. At their home there Noah Crocker Hamlin, father of the Elyria lawyer, was born December 14, 1832. He was a farmer, an earnest and consistent Christian and for sixty-five years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for more than sixty years class leader in that church. He is now living at the age of eighty-three on his farm two miles southeast of Elyria. Noah Crocker Hamlin married Lydia Lucinda Fauver on March 27, 1860. She was born April 8, 1840, in Eaton Township of Lorain County, a daughter of Walter and Alzina (Cornell) Fauver, who came to Ohio from New York State many years ago.

This brief account of the family shows that Lorenzo Dow Hamlin began life with the fortune of a good heritage and he grew up in a home of Christian ideals and with influences tending towards substantial character and good citizenship. During the winter of each year from 1873 to 1883 he attended the country district schools. In the latter year he spent one year in the Oberlin Academy, and then qualified and began teaching district schools in Lorain County. He alternately taught and attended school in Oberlin and Berea for the succeeding five years. Not being satisfied with the prospects arising from teaching, Mr. Hamlin in 1889 went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in search of employment, and while there attended a technical school. He never graduated from any institution except that of hard experience.

Soon after going to Pittsburg he found employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad as common brakeman on the main line east. He possessed qualities which make for advancement in any calling, and after ten months was promoted and spent two years as a conductor and master of wrecking train and crew, and the company then sent him into the Union yards at Pittsburg as assistant yard dispatcher. Resigning from the railroad service in June, 1893, with a certificate testifying to his good service, he returned to Lorain County and took up the vocation of farmer in Carlisle Township. That was his work for seven years. In 1900 he began the study of law with Judge Lee Stroup in Elyria, who was at that time prosecuting attorney of the county. Mr. Hamlin was admitted to the bar in 1903, and has been in active practice at Elyria since May, 1904, with offices now in the Turner Block. It should also be mentioned that while a student of law between 1900 and 1902 he paid part of his expenses as a teacher in the Elyria Business College.

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MARY EVERSON

For a number of years Mr. Hamlin has been active in republican politics, and is a man of progressive inclinations, but believes that all reforms should be conducted within the ranks of the party rather than by the familiar practice of "bolting" or disruption. For three years he was a member of the Republican County Executive Committee. Though an active party worker Mr. Hamlin's scrupulous integrity and rigid adherence to the ideals of public service have not been entirely favorable to his political advancement. His first public office was as clerk of Carlisle Township to which he was elected in 1894 and in which he served six years. In 1902 Governor George K. Nash appointed him a member of the Ohio Investigating Canal Commission and he remained with that commission eighteen months and it is said that during that time he was the only man who had ever personally inspected or even seen the entire canal system of the state. In the fall of 1903 the same governor appointed him to fill a vacancy on the State Board of Public Works caused by the death of Hon. Charles Goddard. He was on that board until Hon. George Watkins who at the time of the last appointment was the republican nominee for the office, was elected and qualified. Mr. Hamlin spent most of his time in Columbus in the service of the Canal Commission until the close of the 1904 session of the State Legislature. In 1904 he was a candidate before the Republican State Convention for nomination as a member of the State Board of Public Works, and in that convention openly contested the nomination against the "electrical mule" group of exploiters of state property. It was a bold and admirable stand to take in the interests of good service in the state, but as Mr. Hamlin says himself he was so badly licked that he has not "come to" yet politically. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order at Elyria, and in church matters was formerly a Methodist, but is now an independent thinker so far as independent thought is possible in that sphere.

On November 21, 1890, in Carlisle Township of Lorain County, Mr. Hamlin married Stella J. Brush, daughter of William and Facelia (Humphrey) Brush. She was descended on both sides from New England ancestry. On September 7, 1910, at Akron, Ohio, Mr. Hamlin married for his present wife Lillie O. Bloom, who was then a widow, daughter of William and Margaret (Hahns) Gault. The Gaults are of Protestant Irish descent, while the Hahns are Pennsylvania Dutch. William Gault, her father, was a volunteer in the Union army and served throughout the Civil war. By his first marriage Mr. Hamlin has the following children: Facelia Brush Hamlin, born April 19, 1892, and now living in Chicago, Illinois; David Walter Hamlin, born August 28, 1895, and living in Lorain County; Lydia Irene Hamlin, born September 24, 1897, and a student in Oberlin College; and James Thurman Hamlin, born December 19, 1906, and now in the public schools.

Isaac Everson. In the course of a long life Isaac Everson has had many interesting associations with Lorain County. It was his birthplace, the home of his youth and mature manhood, and while for all these reasons he is loyal to the county he has also made himself useful by active work and real service as a farmer and in every position to which the destiny of life has assigned him.

His birth occurred in Brighton Township of Lorain County, April 10, 1840. His parents were Isaac and Hannah (Hammond) Everson. His paternal grandfather was also named Isaac Everson and died in Massachusetts when the second Isaac was seven years of age. The maternal grandparents were Edmondson and Hannah Hammond, who were early settlers in Lorain County, where Mr. Hammond followed shoemaking at Brighton for many years. Isaac Everson, Sr., was born

in Massachusetts in 1777 and died in 1868. He came to Brighton Township in 1836, buying 120 acres and clearing it up, erecting a log house as his first habitation, and spending the rest of his days on a farm. His first wife was Mary Usher, and their children were Franklin, Samuel, Norman, Orville, Lafayette, George, Mary and Lucy, all of whom are now deceased. By his marriage to Miss Hammond there were three children: Harriet, who graduated from Oberlin College and who died in 1879 as the wife of Howard Burrill, who was also a graduate of Oberlin College, and for a number of years was an editor in Iowa and is now living retired at Washington, in that state; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and Isaac. Isaac Everson, Sr. and wife were active members of the Baptist Church, and he was a whig and a republican in politics. He developed a farm of 120 acres well improved, and nearly all of it cleared by his own hands, and he put up some very substantial buildings. He was one of the prominent men of the township in his day. His wife was born in Chenango County, New York, twelve miles from Utica, New York, in 1800, and died March 12, 1883.

Isaac Everson, Jr., has made his own way in the world for many years. He started with a district school education acquired in Brighton Township, and took up farming as his first vocation.

On May 8, 1879, he married Mary Collen, a daughter of Ephraim and Mary (Drayton) Collen, both of whom were natives of England. They came to Chatham in Medina County, Ohio, where her father followed farming until his death at the early age of thirty-nine. His widow survived to be eighty-two. Of the seven Collen children the three now living are Mrs. Everson, Elvira Whitney of Toledo and William T., a farmer at Norwalk, Ohio. Mrs. Everson was born in England, April 14, 1847.

Mr. and Mrs. Everson have a fine family of eight children, and may properly take pride in their accomplishments and the worthy positions they occupy. The oldest, Arthur, born March 25, 1870, is a lineman with the Postal Telegraph Company; Franklin James, born October 24, 1871, is located at Milan, Ohio, and has served as lineman and is now district manager for the telephone company; Charles H. was born September 10, 1873, and is still at home; Walter H., born November 7, 1877, and is also at home; Norman B., born December 7, 1879, is in the real estate business at Cleveland, Ohio; Jessie May, born July 17, 1880, is the wife of Rev. Newton Moore, a Congregational minister at Muscatine, Iowa; George H., born August 18, 1885, graduated from the Wellington High School and from Oberlin College, and from Columbia University of New York City, and was recently chosen among twenty-three applicants and is now secretary to the Criminal Court Committee in New York City, and has a very promising career of usefulness before him; Howard H., the youngest, was born February 10, 1888, and is also a telephone man.

Mr. and Mrs. Everson are members of the Congregational Church and quite active in church affairs, Mr. Everson serving as a member of the board of trustees. He is a republican in politics.

Mr. Everson started out as a farmer on 105 acres of land. Many changes have resulted from his ownership and control, and his is undoubtedly one of the finest farms in Brighton Township. It is located close to Brighton Center and besides general farming he carries on some dairying, and keeps shorthorn cattle, Berkshire hogs, some good road horses, and a number of White Rock chickens. All of this prosperity he has won from a start of only $300 of capital. He also owns ninety acres of his father's old homestead.

EARL J. STRICKLAND. Perhaps no branch of business is more indicative of an advanced state of civilization than that of insurance in its different forms of life, fire and accident, and it would be hard to find another that in recent years has had a more phenominal growth. Financial protection against the results of death or accident has come to be looked on as a modern necessity among all classes of people who have claims to reasonable intelligence, and since this necessity has come to be generally recognized the insurance business has grown by leaps and bounds. One of the leading men engaged in this line of business in Lorain County, Ohio, is Earl J. Strickland, general agent for The Ohio National Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has an office at 318 Elyria Block, Elyria, this county. Mr. Strickland was born in Jamestown Chautauqua County, New York, September 23, 1883, a son of Parker D. and Josephine (Moynihan) Strickland. The father, a native of Dayton, New York, was an upholsterer by trade and spent most of his life in Jamestown, where he died in 1903. His wife Josephine was born in Ireland, and was seventeen years old when she came to the United States, where she had brothers and sisters living, her parents remaining in their native land. She is still living, being a resident of Jamestown. She and her husband were the parents of nine children—four sons and five daughters—of whom the subject of this memoir is the eldest of the family and the only one now living in Ohio.

Earl J. Strickland was educated in the public schools of Jamestown, New York and began industrial life as a clerk in the employ of the American Express Company at Jamestown, where he continued in that capacity for two years. He was then transferred to Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburg, and was agent of the company there for one year, being then, in August, 1907, transferred to Oberlin, Ohio. After acting as the company's agent in Oberlin for five years he resigned from this position to enter the employ of The Ohio National Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, as general agent for this territory, with headquarters at first in Oberlin. In 1913 the headquarters for the district were established in Elyria, with a commodious office in the Elyria Block. The company is an "old line" insurance company, organized under the laws of Ohio, and engaged in the sale of "nonparticipating insurance" at a low fixed guaranteed rate, which plan of insurance is rapidly coming to be considered as superior to that which provides for the participating in so-called "dividends," which are simply overcharges held in trust by the companies and returned, in whole or part, at the end of the year, or stated period of years, to the person holding the policy. The fifth annual statement of The Ohio National Life Insurance Company, issued December 31, 1914, shows a surplus to policyholders of $654,560.62, which is greater than that of all other Ohio companies combined, except the Union Central. That Mr. Strickland is a man of force, with a thorough grasp of the business in which he is engaged, may be gathered from the fact that his name appears as second in the list of the five leaders for paid up business for the first quarter of 1915. As a member of the builders' club of his company, he was elected secretary in January, 1916. He is an active and useful member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, while his fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, of Elyria.

Mr. Strickland was married, July 19, 1906, to Miss Nellie E. Scott, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, who was born in West Virginia, but reared and educated in Coraopolis where she attended business college. They are the parents of one son, Donald Scott, who was born in Oberlin, Ohio, November 13, 1908.

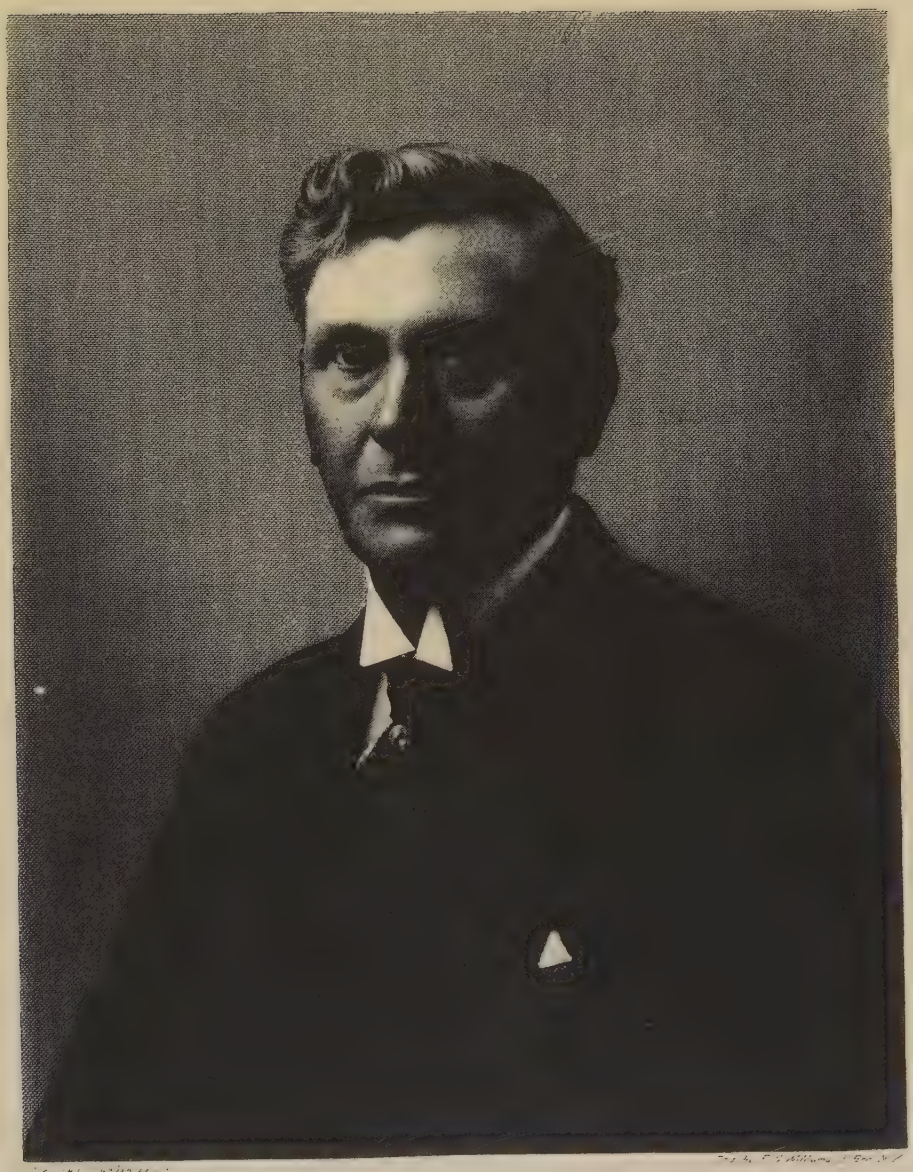
Horace Greeley Redington (son of Ransom Nathaniel Redington and Melissa E. Tyler) was born on a farm in Amherst Township, Lorain County, Ohio, on July 10, 1858. His father was a direct descendant of John Redington, who came over from England in 1646 and settled at Topsfield, Massachusetts. His mother belonged to the Tyler family which settled in Massachusetts, and later moved to Connecticut and took part in the founding of the New Haven Colony. Ransom N. Redington was born at Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York, in 1816. In 1819 his father, Harry Redington, moved his family from Fredonia to Amherst Township, Lorain County, Ohio, where he resided until his death on November 18, 1848. Melissa E. Tyler was born in Eaton Township, Lorain County, in 1822. Her father, David Miles Tyler, came to Lorain County from Connecticut prior to 1820. She was married to Ransom N. Redington at Elyria, Ohio, on July 24, 1844. He died at Amherst, Lorain County, in October, 1885. She died at Amherst in 1905. Thus the Redingtons and Tylers have been identified with the history of America for over 250 years, and with that of Lorain County for nearly a century.

Horace G. Redington attended the public schools in Amherst Township and Oberlin Village, was graduated from Oberlin Academy, and entered Oberlin College with the class of 1881. However, he left that institution in the early part of 1880 during his junior year, and entered Cornell University where he finished the school year. From the fall of 1880 until the spring of 1884 he read law under the supervision of Jacob F. Burkett, of Findlay, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar on June 4, 1884, an at once opened an office and began to practice his profession at Amherst, Ohio. On December 4, 1884, he married Miss Lucy Cornelia Moore, of Amherst, daughter of Dr. Abner C. Moore and Elizabeth Onstine. Doctor Moore came to Amherst in 1851, and actively practiced medicine there for over forty years. Her mother was a daughter of George Onstine, who, with his father, Frederick Onstine, settled in Amherst Township in 1819.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Redington: Harry Moore, born February 22, 1886; Blanche Lucile, born August 4, 1888, and Horace Ray, born May 30, 1891. They continued to reside in Amherst Village until February 1911, when they moved to Elyria, Ohio, where Mr. Redington continued to practice law. In 1885 he was elected mayor of Amherst, which office he held for four terms or eight years. He organized the Savings Deposit Bank of Amherst in 1891, and served as its president until 1905. He organized the Amherst Water Works Company, and is still its president. For several years he was president of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce. While in Amherst, he was financially interested in numerous other enterprises, and was recognized as one of the leading citizens there. He became affiliated with the Masonic, Odd Fellow, and other lodges at Amherst, as well as the Elks Lodge and the Masonic Chapter at Elyria.

In 1911, he and Judge David J. Nye were elected as the two delegates from Lorain County to the Ohio Constitutional Convention, Mr. Redington being the high man in the field of ten candidates. On September 1, 1914, he was appointed judge of the Court of Common Pleas to serve until the election in November, 1914, Judge Stroup having resigned. At the November election in 1914, he was a candidate for election to serve until January 1, 1917, the end of Judge Stroup's term. He and his opponent, W. B. Thompson, each received 4,985 votes. The result being a tie, there was no election, and Judge Redington, by virtue of his appointment, will hold the office until January 1, 1917.

From June 4, 1884, to September 1, 1914, Judge Redington was almost continuously engaged in the practice of law, and was recognized as one of the able lawyers of Lorain County. His broad experience and



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success as a lawyer, his wide experience as a man of affairs, coupled with the highest integrity, made it only natural that he should be a successful judge. His judicial service has been notable.

Politically, Judge Redington is a democrat, and has been chairman of the Lorain County Central Committee on several occasions, and has acted as a delegate to various democratic conventions. He belongs to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, the Men's Club of the Congregational Church, and other civic and social organizations. Judge and Mrs. Redington are still residing in Elyria.

The biography of Harry M. Redington is elsewhere contained in this publication.

Blanche Lucile attended the public schools at Amherst, and Miss Mittleberger's School for Girls in Cleveland; was graduated from Oberlin Academy, and took two years' work in Oberlin College. She was one of the most popular members of Elyria's younger social circles, and on April 21, 1915, was married to E. Carl Danner. They are now residing in Johnstown, Pa., where Mr. Danner is connected with the Cambria Steel Company.

Horace Ray attended the public schools at Amherst, was graduated from Oberlin Academy, took his freshman year at Oberlin College, entered Brown University as a sophomore the next fall, and was graduated from that institution in June, 1913. On October 30, 1915, he married Miss Bess Fell. They are residing in Elyria. He is connected with the National Tube Company of Lorain.

Roy F. Vandemark is accounted one of the leading lawyers of Elyria of the younger generation and a citizen whose activities in civic life are rapidly bringing him to the forefront. He was born at Lodi, Medina County, Ohio, December 22, 1887, and is a son of B. J. and Mary (Burkholder) Vandemark.

B. J. Vandemark was born in Spencer Township, Medina County, Ohio, and throughout his life has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which his industry and energy have gained him success. He was married in Harrisville Township, Medina County, to Mary Burkholder, who was born in Congress (or Canaan) Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and both still survive and reside on their farm in the vicinity of Lodi, although they are now retired from active labor. An active and influential republican, Mr. Vandemark has been a prominent figure in local politics, having been a trustee of Harrisville Township and held other township offices, and at this time being a commissioner of Medina County. Mr. and Mrs. Vandemark are the parents of five sons and one daughter, all living, as follows: A. W., a resident of Chippewa Lake, Ohio; C. V., H. A. and V. A., who all reside at Lodi; Effa, who is now Mrs. Charles Overs, of Ashland, Ohio; and Roy F., of this notice. All the children were born in Medina County, and all received their educational training in the public schools of Lodi.

Roy F. Vandemark was graduated from the Lodi High School in the class of 1907, following which he entered the Western Reserve Law School, and was duly graduated in 1910, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In June of the same year he commenced practice at Elyria, in association with Henry W. Ingersoll, a connection which continued until October 1, 1915, since which time Mr. Vandemark has maintained an office in the Elyria Block and practices alone.

Mr. Vandemark is a member of the Lorain County Bar Association and holds an established position in the confidence of his clients and the regard of his fellow-practitioners. A republican in politics, he is at the present time a candidate for the office of city solicitor. Mr. Vandemark belongs to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and his religious

connection is with the First Congregational Church, in which he is a leading member of the Men's Club. He belongs also to King Solomn Lodge No. 56, of Elyria, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Marshall Chapter and Elyria Council, also of this city, and is lecturing knight of the Elks Lodge at Elyria. That his tastes are intellectual and his habits of a very energetic character, his career up to the present time has shown. Before him unquestionably are many honorably years of participation in professional life.

On March 31, 1914, Mr. Vandemark was married to Miss Zepha White, who was born in Harrisville Township, Medina County, Ohio, daughter of C. N. White. Like her husband she is a graduate of the Lodi High School, class of 1907. In the spring of that year her mother died, but her father still survives and resides on the old home place in Spencer Township, Medina County, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Vandemark there has been born one son: Robert W. ("Bob White").

William Crisp. In the death of William Crisp, which occurred in November, 1910, Elyria lost one of its veteran business men, one who was honest and conscientious in all he did, and enjoyed a reputation for fair dealing second to none.

Born in the Village of Mausley, Rugby, England, February 23, 1840, William Crisp was brought to this country in 1844 by his parents, who bought a farm in Avon, Lorain County. When only fourteen years of age he entered the employ of John A. Topliff as an apprentice and learned the carriagemaker's trade. When twenty-two he was taken into partnership with his employer, and this relationship continued for seven or eight years. Then Mr. Crisp formed a partnership with William Henson which continued until his death. The firm of Crisp & Henson was the oldest partnership existing in Lorain County when it was broken by Mr. Crisp's death. They had been engaged in business in the same location on West Avenue for forty years.

Besides his business career Mr. Crisp served two terms on the city council and was a member of the board of health at the time of his death.

Mr. Crisp married Georgina Goodwin and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Edith, Lottie, Zada and John C.

Robert Hughes Rice. Junior member of the law firm of Stroup, Fauver & Rice, whose offices are in the Turner Building at Elyria, Robert Hughes Rice is a young man of natural capabilities and thorough training, and has already taken his position among the leading professional men and citizens of Elyria.

Born at Riceville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1886, he is a son of Elmer M. and Carrie C. Rice. The family moved from Riceville, Pennsylvania, to Elyria in 1897, and Elmer M. Rice is cashier of the Elyria Savings and Banking Company.

Robert H. Rice enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education and made the best of his opportunities while in school and university. Graduating from the Elyria High School in 1904, he entered Oberlin College, where he was graduated A. B. in 1908, and in 1911 took his degree LL. B. from the Columbia University Law School at New York City. He was elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, the scholarship honor fraternity, from Oberlin College in 1908. While in the Columbia University Law School he was one of the editors of the Columbia Law Review. In 1908 he represented Oberlin College in the intercollegiate debate, and enjoyed similar honors at Columbia University in 1909 and 1910. Prior to that, in 1907, he was president of the Northern Oratorical League. While his educational career was apparently uninterrupted in

M. F. Harrison.

its continuity, Mr. Rice paid a large share of his expenses, and entirely supported himself while in law school by tutoring, teaching and lecturing. During the summers of 1908, 1909 and 1910 he held a clerical position in the Elyria Savings & Banking Company.

Immediately on his admission to the bar June 29, 1911, he began practice in the office of L. B. Fauver. He was a member of the firm of Fauver & Rice from 1912 to 1914, and has since been junior in Stroup, Fauver & Rice, one of the leading law firms of Northern Ohio. Mr. Rice was a member of the first charter commission of Elyria in 1913. While non-partisan as to local politics, he is a republican in national affairs, though in many ways he is completely independent. In Masonry he is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and Marshall Chapter Royal Arch Masons. His church is the First Congregational. At Elyria on December 26, 1914, Mr. Rice married Harriet E. Garford, daughter of G. H. Garford of Elyria.

Melvin F. Harrison. The rapid growth of the automobile industry has been responsible for the development of a new profession, the follower of which much necessarily possess qualifications and talents requisite in few other lines. Engaged in the automobile business at Elyria since 1908, Melvin F. Harrison, of the Harrison Motor Company, has become one of the best known figures in the automobile world of Ohio, being the fortunate possessor of just those attributes which make for success in this newest of vocations.

Mr. Harrison was born at Dover, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, December 20, 1876, and is a son of John B. and Carrie H. (Witham) Harrison, both residents of that place today. The father is a real estate dealer and farmer, a native of the place, and has spent his entire life at Dover, where the mother was also born and where they were married. George Harrison, the grandfather of Melvin F. Harrison, came to Ohio from Connecticut, making the journey with an ox-team, and for many years conducted the old half-way house between Elyria and Cleveland. He is now deceased, and the maternal grandfather, a veteran of the Civil war, in which he fought as a Union soldier, A. B. Witham, survived until January, 1916. He was then ninety years old and a resident of Cleveland. John B. Harrison has held several minor offices of a civic and township nature, and is one of the community's influential and highly respected citizens. He and his wife have been the parents of three sons and one daughter: Melvin F.; Lua-Ella, who is now the wife of George A. Hogue, of Blue Cass Springs, Woodburn County, Indiana; Herman, who died at the age of six years, nine months, fifteen days; and Calvin L., a resident of Dover. All were born at Dover and there educated.

After graduating from the Dover High School, Melvin F. Harrison attended Burke & Dyke's business college, at Cleveland, and began his business career by opening a stall in the new market house in that city, dealing in butter and eggs, an enterprise in which he was engaged for about a year. At this time his father lost his health and was compelled to go to Northern Michigan, and the son disposed of his Cleveland business and returned to the home farm to take charge of its management for twelve months. His next move was to Cheboygan, Michigan, where with his father, he built a range of greenhouses, the first of any size to be erected in that state north of Bay City, and remained in business together for one and one-half years, under the style of Harrison & Son. The father then returned to the home farm and for three and one-half years longer Melvin F. Harrison carried on the business alone, but finally sold out to a cousin, George H. Harrison, and returned to Cleveland, from which city he subsequently removed to Greenwood, Indiana.

There, with his brother-in-law, George A. Hogue, he erected and installed a telephone exchange, known as the Home Telephone Company, with the idea of forcing its purchase, through competition, by the Bell Telephone Company. The older organization, however, did not come to terms, but Mr. Hogue, a practical man of business, organized a home company at Greenwood, to which the partners sold the line and equipment. Returning to Cleveland, Mr. Harrison again invaded the florist business, locating an establishment on Euclid Avenue, on the present site of the Hippodrome. There he conducted the M. F. Harrison Flower Shop, with a branch store in the lobby of the Holland Hotel, for two years, and sold out to the Ohio Floral Company, for which concern he became secretary and treasurer, positions in which he remained for one year. At that time he engaged in another venture with his brother-in-law, going to Lincoln, Illinois, where they erected an electric line from that point to Springfield for the McKinley Syndicate. With the completion of that enterprise, Mr. Harrison went to Chicago and became manager of the north side store of the Fleischman Floral Company, with which he was identified for three years. He then returned to the old home at Dover, but shortly thereafter, in October, 1908, came to Elyria, where he purchased a one-half interest in the business with which he is connected at this time, with Harry McKinley, the business being located on its present site, but under the name of the Auto Inn. About four months later Mr. Harrison bought his partner's interest and conducted the enterprise alone for two years, handling the Overland automobile, a car with which he has been associated since entering the business. In this connection it may be mentioned that Mr. Harrison sold the first Overland sold in Lorain County, being the first county agent, an agency which he has retained to the present time. In 1911 Mr. Harrison sold a half interest in the business to Mr. A. L. Jackson, a sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this work. The partners were unable to decide whose name should appear first in the new firm style, so finally agreed to "flip a coin," with the result that the name Jackson-Harrison Company was adopted, which existed until September 1, 1915, since which time Mr. Harrison has continued the business alone. He has taken over the agency of the Ford and Mercer automobiles and commercial trucks, as well as the Hudson and a number of others as side lines. The large, up-to-date and finely-equipped offices and salesrooms are located at No. 625 Broad Street, and the business is now recognized as one of Elyria's leading enterprises.

Mr. Harrison's only venture in politics was while a resident of Cheboygan, Michigan. He lived in a democratic ward and was put on the republican ticket to run against an old-time democrat for supervisor, his opponent never having been beaten in that ward. Mr. Harrison defeated him by three votes for the office, which he held for only one year, as he then left Cheboygan. Mr. Harrison is a life member of Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and Elyria Lodge No. 431, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is not only a capable salesman, but an enthusiastic motorist and expert driver, and belongs to the Elyria Automobile Club, being a member of its board of directors. As evidence of Mr. Harrison's skill as a driver may be cited his trip to the San Francisco Exposition in 1915. Starting from Elyria, he went to Blue Cass Springs, Indiana, then via the Lincoln Highway to Salt Lake City, Utah, from there on the Overland Trail via Ogden and north of Great Salt Lake into Reno, Nevada, then over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to Lake Tahoe, down to Sacramento, Fresno, Los Angeles and San Diego, on to Tijuana, Mexico, and back up the coast route to

Santa Barbara, and through Santa Cruz to San Francisco. This trip of 5,047 miles was accomplished without a puncture, the only mishap on the entire trip being a burned out magneto caused by fording a swollen creek. However thrilling experiences were not lacking, especially in the mountains, where on one occasion he avoided a serious accident only by driving his machine into a barrier of rocks on the edge of a deep gorge. He was accompanied on this trip by his wife and daughter.

Mr. Harrison was married December 24, 1896, to Miss Marion B. Weed, of Cleveland, who was born and reared there, and educated in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were married Christmas Eve, at North Olmsted, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. She is a daughter of Westel J. and Mary Ann (Moore) Weed, the former an old ship-builder of Cleveland, where he resided during the active period of his career. He was well known by every captain on the great lakes, and was superintendent of the two shipyards of Quayle & Sons. Mr. Weed, at the time of his retirement, went to North Olmsted, Ohio, but when his health began to fail moved back to Cleveland, where his death occurred, and where Mrs. Weed still resides at the old home. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have had three children: two sons who died in infancy, and Miss Thelma Fay, who was born at Cheboygan, Michigan. The family home is in the exclusive Colonial Apartments.

Joel Vinton Sampsell, M. D. From the point of continuous service as a physician and surgeon Doctor Sampsell is now one of the oldest in Elyria. He came to this city a young man fresh from medical college nearly forty years ago, and so far as strength has permitted has accepted the almost innumerable opportunities which are offered to the able and unselfish physician for service to humanity. Among other professional distinctions Doctor Sampsell, whose offices are at 331 Second Street, is local medical examiner of Lorain County with the Industrial Commission of Ohio, and is also one of the pension examiners in this county.

It would have been contrary to an almost established family custom if Doctor Sampsell had chosen any other line of work than the medical profession. His father and a number of his uncles and many other relatives have at different times been engaged in this profession, and on his mother's side there were also an unusual number of doctors. Dr. J. V. Sampsell was born in Ashland, Ohio, May 19, 1850, a son of Dr. J. B. F. and Catherine (Luther) Sampsell. The Sampsell family in Ohio is descended from an old Maryland German family of that name. The Sampsells settled in Columbiana County, Ohio, in the very early days. Dr. J. B. F. Sampsell had four brothers and eight cousins, all of whom were physicians of repute, while his wife's father was also a pioneer physician, and the latter had four cousins who were identified with the same profession, while one of his female cousins married a doctor. Dr. J. B. F. Sampsell was born in Columbiana County, and his wife in Ashland, Ohio. Her father, Dr. Joel Luther, was the first physician and surgeon to locate in Ashland, having moved to that pioneer locality from Jefferson County, New York. He brought with him five thousand dollars in gold, and though he died at the age of thirty-five he accumulated a considerable fortune after locating in Ashland. Dr. J. B. F. Sampsell was engaged in the practice of medicine at Ashland for a number of years until the outbreak of the Civil war, and then engaged in the hardware business. For a year or so, from 1871 to 1873, he practiced medicine at Elyria, and moving to Delaware, Ohio, resumed practice and continued it there until his death, which occurred in 1877. His wife died in Ashland in 1868. He had also served as mayor of Ashland

and took a prominent part in local politics. Dr. J. V. Sampsell has one sister, younger than himself, Mrs. Frank Semple of Ashland.

Joel V. Sampsell received his early education in the public schools of Ashland, and for a time attended the noted old college founded by Alexander Campbell at Bethany, West Virginia. His medical studies were pursued in one of the oldest and best schools for medical training in America, the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated M. D. with the class of 1877. He also took post-graduate work in the New York Polyclinic.

Doctor Sampsell located for practice at Elyria in 1877, and in all the years subsequent to that date has continued as a general physician. He practiced here when Elyria was a comparatively small city, and had his share of pioneer experience as a doctor, attending his country calls over the roads that existed before the beginning of the good roads movement and long before such facilities were introduced as the telephone and the automobile. Doctor Sampsell is a member of the staff of the Elyria Memorial Hospital.

In politics he is a democrat. His interest in keeping up the party organization has caused him a number of times to allow his name to go on the ticket as candidate for mayor, though without expectation of success, since no candidate on the democratic ticket in Elyria ever expects to be elected. Though Doctor Sampsell never did any campaign work in connection with such elections, he at one time came within nine votes of being made mayor, and a little campaigning on his part would doubtless have swung the tide in his favor. His opponent at that time was Doctor Reefy on the republican ticket. Doctor Sampsell is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons.

On May 17, 1879, he married Miss Nettie Nichols of Elyria, who died in August, 1895. His present wife, before her marriage, which occurred April 26, 1898 was Miss Mary Groscup of Ashland, Ohio.

Ernest Perry Clement, M. D. Among the men whose activities are devoted to the science of healing in Lorain County, none bring to bear upon their calling larger gifts of scholarship and resource than Dr. Ernest Perry Clement, of Elyria, a specialist in abdominal surgery, a field in which he has won more than local reputation. His entire professional career has been passed in Lorain County, at Grafton from 1898 until 1910 and since the latter year at Elyria, and his success in his vocation has been won in a locality not wanting in men of broad and thorough medical learning.

Doctor Clement was born at Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio, December 22, 1874, and is a son of Charles R. and Sophia W. (Benjamin) Clement. His paternal grandparents, Edward Clement and wife, came to America from Devonshire, England, about the year 1832 and settled at Strongsville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where they were pioneer settlers and early farmers. The maternal grandparents of Doctor Clement came from New York State to Ohio about 1845, settling at Brunswick, Medina County. Charles R. Clement was born at Strongsville, Ohio, and as a young man moved to Medina County, where he was married and for many years carried on agricultural pursuits, although he is now living retired at Medina. As a young man he enlisted for service in the Union Army during the Civil war, but the regiment of which he was a member was never asked to go to the front. He has always been known as a good and public-spirited citizen, taking a keen and helpful interest in the affairs of his community, and during his younger and more active years was the incumbent of a number of minor offices, such as township trustee, etc. Mrs. Clement, who was born at Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio, died in 1907. There are three sons and three daughters

in the family, namely: Mrs. Lampoh, of Cleveland, Ohio, the wife of Capt. J. H. Lampoh, a captain on the Great Lakes and at this time master of the Thomas A. Andrews; George B., who is engaged in dealing in real estate and allottment property at Cleveland; Frank A., a carpenter contractor of Medina, Ohio; Elma E., who is the wife of Charles Barry, of Medina, Ohio; Dr. Ernest Perry, twin of Elma E.; and Willis, who is a painter contractor of Cleveland. All were born at Brunswick and received their early education there.

After graduating from the Brunswick High School, Ernest Perry Clement spent three years at the Ohio Northern University, pursuing a literary department course, and then engaged in the study of medicine at Starling Medical College, which is now the medical department of the Ohio State University. He was graduated in that institution in 1898, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and in the same year entered practice at Grafton, Lorain County, that continuing to be the scene of his professional labors until August 1, 1910, when he came to Elyria. Here he has offices in the Elyria Block, on Broad Street. Skillful in diagnosis and successful in treatment of long standing cases, he is probably best known as a specialist in abdominal surgery, and the demand for his services in that line has opened up a career of exceptional breadth and usefulness. He has continued to be a close and careful student, having taken post-graduate work at the Post-Graduate Medical School, New York City, and is a member of the surgical staff of the Elyria Memorial Hospital. He belongs to the Lorain County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Ohio State Clinical Association, an organization which includes in its membership the leading surgeons of the Buckeye State. Fraternally, the doctor is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Grafton, and he holds membership also in the State Automobile Association, the Cleveland Automobile Club and the Elyria Chamber of Commerce.

Doctor Clement was married to Miss Grace M. Humphrey, who was born, reared and educated at Elyria, daughter of J. O. and Elizabeth (Worthington) Humphrey, both of whom are now deceased, old settlers of Eaton Township, Lorain County. To Doctor and Mrs. Clement there has been born one daughter: Clara Mae, born at Grafton.

Hubert Day. Successful merchandising finds many advantages in long established relations with the trading public. One of the oldest hardware houses in Lorain County is that conducted under the present firm name of Hubert Day & Sons, with a large store at 421 Broad Street, Elyria. This house has a reputation gained by many years of handling goods of recognized quality and with the individual guarantee of the firm behind every article sold. In earlier years the business was conducted by A. G. Carpenter, and was bought about twenty years ago by Hubert Day. Mr. Day is a man whose abilities have well fitted him for the service of a reliable merchant, and though his previous training had been that of a farmer he carried on the store without any interruption to its long established reputation, and in later years has taken into the firm his two sons, H. Kellogg and George M. Day. The firm now carries a large stock of general hardware, tools, factory supplies, paints, stoves, house furnishings, sporting goods, victrolas and records and other special stock, and many of the most widely advertised and best known goods of standard manufacture have a place in their store.

Hubert Day is a native of Ohio, and was born at Sheffield August 11, 1844. He is descended from Robert Day of Hartford, Connecticut, who came to America in 1634. A more definite account of the early history of the Day family will be found on other pages in connection

with S. B. Day. Mr. Day's parents were John and Cornelia Ann (Sackett) Day. His father was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts, and his mother in New York State, and the former died in Sheffield of Lorain County in 1871 and the mother in 1881. They were substantial farming people, and Hubert Day grew up on the old homestead, with an education begun in the district schools and continued for several terms at Oberlin College. Until middle life his pursuits were those of agriculture and its related activities, but in 1896 he left the farm and came to Elyria, and in June of that year bought out the old established hardware house of A. G. Carpenter. For a number of years he conducted the business under his individual name, and when the two sons came in the title was changed to Hubert Day & Sons. In its endeavor to furnish the highest class of mercantile service the firm relies not only upon the best quality of goods but also upon those facilities which bring a store into prompt relation with its customers, and employ both automobiles and horses in their delivery service.

Mr. Day is a republican, a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and has long been actively identified with the Congregational Church. He has served as deacon for the past thirty-five years, having held that office in the church at Sheffield, and is now deacon in the First Congregational Church at Elyria.

On November 26, 1878, at Elyria Mr. Day married Annie Lou Chambers, daughter of Richard Chambers, who was born in Somersetshire, England, and came to this country in 1865. Mrs. Day was eleven years old when she came to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Day in 1914, before the outbreak of the present European war, spent two months abroad, visiting among other places the scenes of her early childhood, and also traveled through Belgium and France, stopping at Paris and spending some time in Brussels and Antwerp, and from the former city visiting the Waterloo battlefield. Mr. and Mrs. Day's four children were all born in Sheffield, namely: Mildred Eleanor Day; Hubert Kellogg Day, an active member of the firm, who married Ethel Hancock; George Myron Day who married Silver H. Geldmacher of Denmark, Iowa; and Dorothy Anne Day. All the children graduated from the Elyria High School except Hubert, who left school in his junior year. The daughter Dorothy was graduated in June, 1913, from Oberlin College, where she specialized in kindergarten work.

Henry A. Beck. In the course of many years the business title "H. A. Beck, general contractor and builder and real estate" has come to signify a substantial service in that community. Mr. Beck's primary work has been as general contractor, and probably no man in Elyria has a better reputation nor a longer list of achievements in construction work. He became a carpenter during his youth and for the past fifteen years has been engaged in constant service as a general contractor. He is naturally proud of his work and aims to perform the highest type of building service.

At the same time his service has taken on a broader scope, and he has done much to develop vacant real estate in and about Elyria. A great many people are familiar with the Beck addition of the City of Elyria, located on High Street with interurban car service. This is Mr. Beck's individual allotment, and originally comprised more than four acres of ground, but it has been completely built up and practically all the lots and homes are now sold. Mr. Beck has developed a great deal of property and sold it on the installment plan, and has another allotment in the Second Ward out Lake Avenue.

A native of Medina, Ohio, Mr. Beck was born November 25, 1869,

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a son of Fred and Elizabeth (Freidt) Beck. His father was born near Stuttgart, Germany, and came to the United States when seventeen years of age, first located near Philadelphia, and later moving to Stark County, Ohio, and from there to Wadsworth in Medina County. For a number of years he was a blacksmith, but subsequently retired to a farm and became identified with political affairs in Medina County, serving as county recorder and in other positions. Fred Beck was married in Pennsylvania, his wife having been born near Allentown in that state.

It was on his father's farm in Guilford Township of Medina County that Henry A. Beck grew to manhood. He obtained his education in the common schools and at the age of eighteen started to learn the trade of carpenter. The trade came naturally to him, since from boyhood he was handy with tools, and with experience as a practical workman he has combined a good business judgment and the quality and reliability so essential to the performance of every contract in its uttermost detail. As a journeyman carpenter he worked in Cleveland, Akron and other cities, and in 1893 removed to Elyria. He did the general work of his trade for a number of years, but since 1901 has been in general contracting, and now maintains an office as general contractor in the Masonic Temple. Many of the substantial business houses and residences in Lorain County have been constructed by Mr. Beck, and a long list might be drawn up to indicate the local monument to his industry and skill. His work includes the construction of a number of school buildings in this county, and besides a large number of residences at Elyria Mr. Beck also put up one of the factory plants in that city.

In the Builders Exchange of Elyria Mr. Beck has served as trustee, and is a citizen who identifies himself actively with every public movement. He is also a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias, is a republican in politics and alderman of the Second Ward, and is a member of the Second Congregational Church. In Masonry his affiliations are with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Marshal Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons. Mrs. Beck before her marriage was Pearl Kindy, daughter of Henry and Caroline Kindy. She was born in Medina County. The two children of their marriage are Nellie A. and Pauline A. Nellie is the wife of Walter C. Roe, who is an electrical contractor, with offices and display rooms for the handling of everything electrical in the Masonic Temple.

Rev. James Augustine McFadden. The most recently organized Catholic Church in Lorain County is the St. Agnes Church on Lake Avenue in Elyria. The laying of the cornerstone for the new edifice on July 25, 1915, was, to quote the words of a newspaper account, "the occasion of one of the largest demonstrations of the kind ever held in this city. It is estimated that at least five thousand people stood for over two hours and witnessed the ceremony." A feature of the celebration was the large parade which marched from St. Mary's Church to the scene of the cornerstone laying. Composing this procession were 100 members of the Knights of St. John, the Knights of Columbus, delegations from Catholic congregations all over Northern Ohio, and a number of visiting priests, the mayor, city and county officials and other citizens. The principal church official was Monsignor O'Reilly, who extended the congratulations of the bishop, to which response was made by the pastor of St. Agnes, Father McFadden, who told of the work he had before him, expressed gratitude for the splendid Christian fellowship that he had found both among Catholics and Protestants in Elyria, and asked for the co-operation of the public in carrying out the plans for a new church. The principal address of the day was delivered by Father Jen-

nings of the St. Agnes Church at Cleveland. At the conclusion of his address Father Jennings spoke as follows:

"I have a word of praise, therefore, to give to your young pastor, who will come into this parish like a messenger of Israel, to cure the wounds of the afflicted and to bring God's message among men. I will say that the bishop has priests as good, but he has nobody better than your pastor. A word of commendation is due Father McFadden. He came to this city a stranger. By hard work and untiring zeal he has organized St. Agnes parish. He has shown remarkable executive ability, and has commanded the respect of all with whom he has come in contact. The future of St. Agnes church is in his hands, and there is no reason to believe that he will not make a good account of his stewardship."

The young pastor of St. Agnes Church of Elyria, James Augustine McFadden, was born December 24, 1880, a son of Edward and Mary (Cavanaugh) McFadden. He obtained all his education in schools of Cleveland, attending the Holy Name Parochial School, St. Ignatius College, and St. Mary's Seminary. He was ordained a priest June 17, 1905, and his first appointment was as assistant to Rev. Gilbert P. Jennings, pastor of St. Agnes Church at Cleveland. The St. Agnes parish at Elyria was organized June 17, 1914, and in a year's time the young pastor had carried forward the responsibilities entrusted to him to the fortunate event chronicled above by which the beginning has been made on the building of a beautiful home for this parish. St. Agnes Church when completed will furnish a large audience room for worship and general church activities and with a school in connection.

Rinaldo Rollins Stetson. Now living retired at Elyria, Mr. R. R. Stetson is one of the old time printers and newspaper men, having begun his apprenticeship in a printer's office before the Civil war, and for many years managing the Oberlin News.

A son of Thomas and Mary Little (Leigh) Stetson, he was born March 22, 1844, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts. His birthplace was the Pearson-Leigh house near Old Town Hill, Newbury, and he was a member of the seventh generation to be born in that house. It was built by Capt. John Pearson in 1728 and three generations of the Pearson family and three generations of the Leighs have been born in the same place. Mr. Stetson's father, Thomas Stetson, was born at Lisbon, New London County, Connecticut, July 22, 1814, while his wife was born in Newbury, Essex County, November 24, 1814, and was in the sixth generation born in the Pearson-Leigh house already mentioned.

Mr. Stetson has an interesting ancestry, and it is traced back through many generations to Cornet Robert Stetson, from whom, according to the best information obtainable, R. R. Stetson is a descendant in the eighth generation. Cornet Robert Stetson was born in 1613, though whether in England or Scotland is a matter still to be settled by his descendants. The accepted tradition in the family to account for his removal to America is that he was led to make this move by the presence of a girl for whom he had formed an ardent affection in the Colony of Massachusetts. Anyhow, he came to this country in 1634, settling at Scituate, now called Norwell, Massachusetts. His first wife was named Hannah. She was still living in 1681 and was mother of his children. His second wife was Mary Bryant, who outlived him. The children of Cornet Robert of whom there is record were Joseph, Benjamin, Thomas, Samuel, John, Eunice, Lois, Robert and Timothy. The line of descent to the Elyria family of Stetsons was carried by the son Robert, afterwards known as Robert of Pembroke. He was born January 29, 1653,

at Scituate, Massachusetts, in the old family home, and was baptised February 26, 1653. By the will of his father, Cornet Stetson, this son received his father's old clothes, which were considered a sufficient inheritance in addition to what had already been given him. The date of the death of Cornet Robert Stetson was about February 1, 1703.

As a result of a movement started some ten years ago (1905) there is now an incorporated organization known as "The Stetson Kindred of America," and some account of this organization may properly be introduced into this sketch. In the month of August, 1905, four members of the Stetson family met and agreed upon a plan to assemble as many as possible of the descendants of the original Cornet Robert Stetson, and the executive details were left in the hands of George W. Stetson of Medford, Massachusetts. On October 14th of that year there were gathered in the Town of Norwell eighty-four persons, all of them lineal descendants of the Cornet Robert. They stood about the spot where once was the house of their ancestor, went through the house then standing on the site, which had been in existence nearly 180 years, being built probably about 1725, and they quaffed water from the spring which had been used by Cornet Robert and which had never been known to fail from the year 1634 to the present time. The company also visited Stetson Hall, ate their basket lunch, and then decided to organize an association to be known as the Stetson Kindred of America. They elected temporary officers, who were instructed to incorporate under the laws of Massachusetts, and the officers chosen at that time were: Hon. Francis Lynde Stetson of New York City, president; the late John B. Stetson, the famous hat maker of Philadelphia, vice president; and George W. Stetson of Medford, secretary and treasurer. The matter of incorporation was entrusted to Robert Stetson Gorham, who is now vice president of the organization. This organization bought the old homestead at Norwell where Cornet Robert Stetson settled in 1634.

Rinaldo Rollins Stetson gained his early education in the public schools of Massachusetts and New York. In choosing a career he followed his inclinations for the mysteries of the "art preservative of all arts," and began a regular apprenticeship as a printer in the Rochester Evening Express office at Rochester, New York, in September, 1859. For a number of years he followed his trade in Boston, Massachusetts, and Chicago, Illinois, but in 1876 came to Oberlin, Ohio, to take charge of the News in that city. Since 1906 Mr. Stetson has had his home in Elyria.

In his political associations he has been always a republican since casting his first vote. In 1869 he was made a Mason in Valley Lodge No. 109 at Rochester, New York, and also took his degrees in Odd Fellowship in Rochester City Lodge No. 66. During 1892-95 he served as master of Oberlin Lodge No. 380, Free and Accepted Masons, and is now affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Marshall Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Elyria. He also belongs to the Masonic Club and the Volunteer Veteran Fire Association of Lorain County. His church home is the Methodist.

At Rochester, New York, August 18, 1868, Mr. Stetson married Mary Elizabeth Read, daughter of E. H. and Lucinda Read. Her father was a native of Bennington, Vermont, and of old New England ancestry. Her mother, whose maiden name was Lucinda Felt, was born in Fabius, New York, the first Felt having lived at Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1633. Mr. Stetson is the father of four children, three of whom are living, and has four grandsons and two granddaughters. The children are: Mary Alice, wife of Rev. S. L. Bristor, born at Windridge, Penn-

sylvania; Rinaldo Rollins, Jr., who died at Oberlin March 31, 1888; Frank Arthur, an Elyria lawyer, referred to in following paragraphs; and Florence Edith, of Elyria.

Frank Arthur Stetson. In the Lorain County bar Frank A. Stetson has been one of the steadiest and most industrious workers during the past thirteen years, and his position is now one of assured success and prominence. Mr. Stetson has the distinction of being the first lawyer in the history of Lorain County to hold the office of assistant prosecuting attorney, an office which was only recently created and which he has held since January 1, 1915.

A native of Lorain County, Frank Arthur Stetson was born at Oberlin, April 27, 1877, a son of Rinaldo Rollins and Mary Elizabeth (Read) Stetson, who are now living at Elyria. Mr. Stetson's interesting family record will be found in the sketch of his father. His early years were spent at Oberlin, where he attended the public schools and the academy, and in 1900 graduated A. B. from Oberlin College. As a means of furthering his higher education he taught school for some time, part of the time in the country and part of the time in graded and high schools, having been an instructor in the high school at Vermilion.

In 1901-02 Mr. Stetson was a student in the Western Reserve University Law School at Cleveland, and defrayed some of his expenses in that institution by teaching in the city night schools. Admitted to the bar in 1903, he soon afterward formed a partnership with H. W. Ingersoll, under the firm name of Ingersoll & Stetson. This firm was in existence until 1910, since which time Mr. Stetson has practiced alone, and now gives most of his attention to his duties as assistant prosecuting attorney.

For the past fourteen years Mr. Stetson has been active in local politics as a republican. He has served at different times as secretary and treasurer of the county executive committee and was secretary and had charge of the local campaign during the fall of 1914 along with F. R. Fauver, who was chairman of the county central committee. Mr. Stetson is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, of the Lorain County Bar Association, and has fraternal affiliations with King Solomon's Lodge, No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, of which lodge he is worshipful master; with Marshall Chapter, No. 47, Royal Arch Masons; Elyria Council, No. 86, Royal and Select Masons, and is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America. His church home is the Methodist Episcopal.

On October 6, 1910, at Cleveland, he married Miss Ethel M. Bartlett, daughter of Willis P. and Nettie Bartlett. Her mother died May 19, 1915, in Cleveland, and her father is still living in that city. Mrs. Stetson's family ancestry is traced back to Colonial times. She is also a graduate of Oberlin College. To their marriage have been born three children: Neva Claire, Carol Elizabeth and Frank Arthur, Jr.

John Kaiser. It is not always easy to measure and appraise definitely the accomplishments of the individual in business or professional affairs. However, the case is comparatively simple in consideration of the building contractor, whose work stands out conspicuously and its value and importance are at once recognized. There is one company in Lorain County which during the past fifteen or twenty years has probably been identified with the construction and handling of more impor-

John Kaiser

Louis P. Kaiser

tant contracts in the building field than any other concern. This is the John Kaiser Building Company of Elyria, of which John Kaiser is president, and his brother L. P. Kaiser, is secretary and treasurer. In the sketch of the secretary of the company, L. P. Kaiser, will be found an enumeration of the more important structures and contracts which this company has handled and that list will serve to indicate the prominence of the Kaiser Brothers as business men in this county.

The career of John Kaiser as a building contractor has been a product of long continued practical experience and efficient business management. He was born in Dover Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, April 2, 1862. His parents, both now deceased, were Antone and Catherine (Werch) Kaiser, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Germany. The family established their home in Dover Township of Cuyahoga County in 1872, and afterwards lived in Wood County, at the City of Dayton, and at Cleveland and Cincinnati. In these various localities John Kaiser spent that period of life usually assigned to boyhood and youth, though he had entered upon the practical stage of man's activities before his youth was spent.

At different places and under different contractors he learned thoroughly the trade of carpenter and builder, and is a man whose later business success is based upon the foundation of a thorough technical knowledge of the chief trade at the foundation of his business. For nearly ten years he was with John Rouser & Company of Dayton, three years of that time as foreman, and while there was a factor in the building of the Barney & Smith Car Works at Dayton, in the construction of several buildings of Springfield College, and of courthouses at Tiffin, Sidney and Columbus. For several years while living at Cincinnati Mr. Kaiser paid particular attention to the intricate and difficult art of stair building. He engaged in contracting on his own account in Cincinnati in 1889. During the next eight or nine years he completed a large addition to the University of Ohio, put up a large block on Walnut Hills in Cincinnati, and a large number of other houses in that city and vicinity.

Mr. Kaiser has been a resident of Elyria since April, 1898. The contracting business was first carried on under the name John Kaiser & Brother, but in 1905 the John Kaiser Company was organized and incorporated, and for the past ten years that company name has been one of familiar association in connection with most of the larger building contracts in the city and vicinity. At the present time the company is erecting the new St. Agnes Catholic Church at Elyria. The John Kaiser & Brother Co. has built two schoolhouses in Lorain, and these are buildings of which any firm of contractors might well be proud. They opened up what is known as Kaiser Court in Elyria, where they have built and improved by the most modern methods and where both the brothers own and reside in fine residences which they built. Mr. Kaiser is one of the most prominent members of the Elyria Builders Exchange and served as its president in 1908. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

On June 17, 1889, he was married to Miss Mary O'Connor of Sidney, Ohio. They have a happy family, for whom Mr. Kaiser has provided liberally, and the eight children are named as follows: Bessie, wife of Norman Terrill; Margaret, wife of Frank Rockwood; Charles; Andrew, now deceased; Mary; Harry; Ernestine; and George.

Louis Philip Kaiser. No man within the City of Elyria has contributed in greater degree to the making of his surroundings than has Louis Philip Kaiser, secretary and treasurer of The John Kaiser & Brother Company, general contractors and builders and real estate agents. Turn

where you will, large buildings and small, beautiful residences and modern homes, banks and industrial structures, places of worship and educational institutions, edifices for the housing of public utilities—these, and more which contribute to the architectural ensemble of a flourishing community, have been erected under the direction of Mr. Kaiser and the firm which he represents, and no greater tribute could be paid to his skill, business sagacity and reliability.

Mr. Kaiser was born at Custar, Wood County, Ohio, August 8, 1875, and is a son of Antone and Catherine (Wersch) Kaiser, the former a native of Canada and the latter in Germany. They came to the United States about 1856, settling at Dover, Ohio, where for a few years the father was engaged in blacksmithing. They then moved to Wood County, Ohio, and settled at Custar, but soon moved back to Dover Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and subsequently lived for various periods in Wood County and at Cleveland, Ohio. When Louis P. Kaiser was about seven years of age the family returned to Dover, and there resided until about 1895 when the family came to Elyria, and here the parents both passed away. Antone Kaiser was a blacksmith by trade, a vocation which he followed during the greater part of his life, although he was also largely interested in farming. There were five sons and seven daughters in the family, of whom all lived to maturity except one child who died when about twelve years of age. The oldest child, Mrs. Mary Schuster, died in 1912 at her home at Custar, Wood County, Ohio, as the wife of Nick Schuster and the mother of twelve children; four of the Kaiser sons and three of the daughters reside at Elyria, these being John, who is president of The John Kaiser & Brother Company; Louis Philip, of this review; Antone; Frank J.; Mrs. C. R. Engles; Mrs. Clinton Wadsworth, and Mrs. Frank Squires.

Louis Philip Kaiser was given his literary training in the public schools of Dover Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and in correspondence schools, but is largely self educated, having learned more in the schools of hard work and experience than in any other kind. As a youth he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed from his eighteenth year until he went into business on his own account in 1900, in company with his brother, John, in general contracting and real estate. The firm was known as John Kaiser & Brother until January 8, 1906, when the company was incorporated, and since then has been known as The John Kaiser & Brother Company, with John Kaiser as president of the concern, and L. P., as secretary and treasurer. In addition to doing the major part of the best work accomplished at Elyria since the inception of the company, this concern has erected three large churches at Lorain and has handled many other outside contracts. Notable among the structures erected at Elyria may be mentioned the Elyria Memorial Hospital, the Nurses' Home, the Elyria Savings and Banking Company, the Young Men's Christian Association Building, Washington Terrace, the American Lace Manufacturing Company's plant and Saint Agnes' Catholic Church. For the last named, the contract figure was approximately $30,000, and work was commenced in May, 1915, Bishop Farrelly, of Cleveland, having authorized Father McFadden, the local priest, to proceed with the work. This is a brick edifice on Lake Avenue, 56x114 ft., with a seating capacity of 500 persons. The floor of the edifice is constructed of reinforced concrete, and at some future date it is planned to erect an addition to the building, in which the altar and sanctuary will be located, thus increasing the seating capacity by 100.

The John Kaiser & Brother Company have evolved new methods for use in particular cases, and in the conduct of their business all the way through have demonstrated the possession of progressive ideas and

energetic spirit. In their own particular magazine, "Homes of Character," they state: "The one big thought—*the building*—which must continue to satisfy, delight, rest and relax, is the construction of the home itself—herein we specialize. We are not satisfied merely to assist you in securing a home. We wish to render you a still larger service in aiding you in the selection of the style of home which your taste and your family position may require. To this end we are presenting you with a year's subscription to our publication, Homes of Character Magazine. Each issue will contain a wide range of building designs, as in this number. They will be actual homes designed by the John Henry Newson Company, probably the best known firm of designers of home architecture in the country. If you have a special design construction in mind, we shall be glad to give you the benefit of our services, as the exclusive representatives of the John Henry Newson Company, having your home designed according to your own ideas or in combination with some of these plans, securing this work for you from 10% to 20% cheaper than if you were to secure the same high grade of service direct. It is to our advantage to have every home in which we are interested as well as yourselves, built of the very highest and most artistic style obtainable." In the foregoing there are incorporated ideas which distinctively evidence the progressive and energetic methods by which this concern is actuated and operated, as well as a conception of the dignity and importance of the business that has contributed so materially to its success. The concern, as a dealer in real estate, land and homes, sells its properties at popular prices and according to easy payments which make it possible for even the man most modestly situated financially to secure a home of his own, and at the office of the company are to be found approximately 200 different designs of homes, ranging from $2,500 to $15,000.

In the building up of this large enterprise, Louis P. Kaiser has borne no small part. He is a well informed and broad-minded man, lending to the business a progressive spirit and to his community an extent of practical usefulness the extent of which is difficult to adequately estimate. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Elks and Eagles lodges of Elyria, and also holds membership in the Elyria Automobile Club and the Elyria Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kaiser was married in March, 1912, to Miss Elsie M. Hauhn, who was born and educated at Vermilion, Ohio, and also attended the Elyria Business College, daughter of Mrs. Mary Hauhn, who still resides at Vermilion. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser: Robert Louis, born at Elyria, Ohio, April 2, 1914.

Charles C. Lord. It is as a veteran newspaper man that Charles C. Lord is best known in Lorain County, though his other activities have also brought him those quiet distinctions associated with the popular and capable citizen.

At the present time Mr. Lord is city editor of the Elyria Daily Chronicle. He has been in the newspaper business for a number of years, and is a printer by trade, having learned that business under the late George G. Washburn. Mr. Lord was born in Darlington, Wisconsin, and came to Elyria when a boy in 1870. Thus for forty-five years he has known Elyria in its changes and growth. Four years ago he became editor of the Chronicle. For some time he was in the fire insurance business, and in the way of public service he held the office of justice of the peace in Elyria Township many years.

On June 10, 1885, at Elyria, he married Miss Alta Penfield. Their children, all graduates of the Elyria High School, are: Ralph Lord, now clerk in the United States district clerk's office in Cleveland; Clara, who

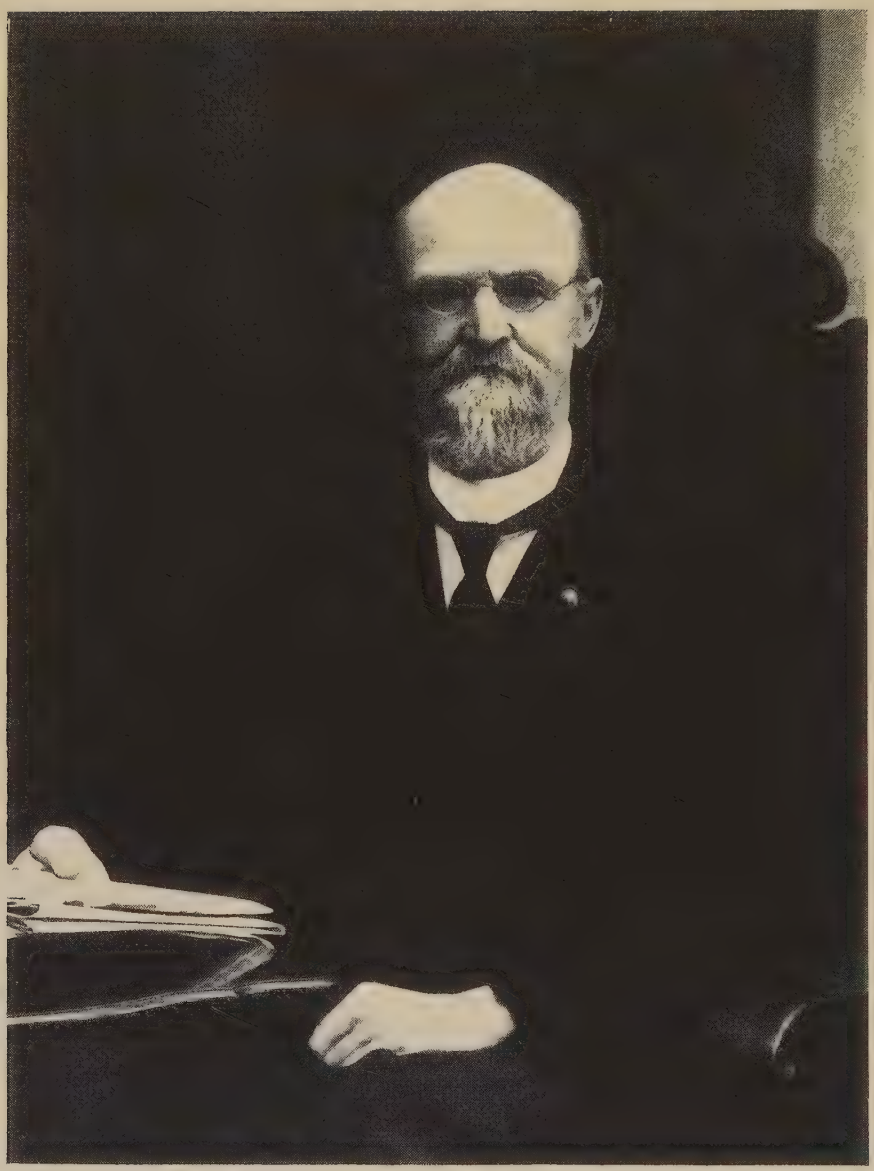
owns a ladies' shoe store in Fremont; and Walter C. Lord, who is a member of the class of 1917 in the Elyria High School.

HENRY MILLER is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Elyria, Ohio. For many years he has been connected with the upbuilding of Lorain County and he has just reason to be proud of the fact that to his efforts can be traced many a substantial enterprise or advancement contributing greatly to the growth and prosperity of this section of the state. In every sense of the word he is a representative citizen and a business man of marked capacity.

A native of Lorain County, Henry Miller was born at Brownhelm Station, Ohio, May 28, 1865, and he is a son of Adodate and Regina (Smith) Miller, both of whom are now deceased. The father was born in Mecklenburg Schwerin, Germany, and his parents passed their entire lives in the Fatherland. He was a substitute for Henry Lutz when men were being drafted for service in the Civil war, but that struggle was terminated before he was called. During the greater part of his active career he was a stone quarryman but for a number of years he conducted a butcher and saloon business. Mrs. Miller was born at Brownhelm Station, Ohio, and her father, Henry Smith, was a native of Hessen, Germany, whence he immigrated to the United States in an early day. Henry Smith drove an ox team from Brownhelm Station to Cleveland to the first grist mill established in the latter city. En route he forded the Rocky River, and it took him three weeks to make the round trip. He built a log house in the vicinity of Brownhelm Station and subsequently erected a frame house, which is still standing and which is now used as a store house on the old Smith homestead. It is roofed with hand split and shaved shingles and has been in continuous use for over forty-six years. This farm is owned by Mrs. Henry Brown, an aunt of the subject of this review. Mrs. Miller was summoned to the life eternal October 8, 1912, and Mr. Miller died in 1889; both are interred in the Brownhelm Station Cemetery.

Concerning the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller the following brief data are here incorporated: Jacob lives at Amherst, Ohio; Henry is the subject of this sketch; Lizzie is the wife of C. W. Sales, of Huron, Ohio; Mary is the wife of Edward Wittmer, of Vermillion, Ohio; Charles A. lives on the old Miller homestead near Brownhelm Station and is unmarried; William is a resident of Amherst, Ohio; Freda is the wife of Fred Strehle, of Brownhelm Station; and Peter is deceased. Peter, the last mentioned, was killed in front of the old home, at the age of twenty-one years, by accidentally falling off a train and striking on an iron bridge girder. He lived only three days. The Miller children were educated in the little frame schoolhouse just east of Brownhelm Station and two miles distant from their home.

Henry Miller attended school until he had reached his eleventh year, at which tender age he began to work on a farm for Charles Cooley. Subsequently he worked for Joshua Phelps for several years and then he pound-fished on the lake for a time, and November 29, 1886, he entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company as a brakeman, continuing as such until 1894, when he was promoted to the position of conductor on a freight and construction train. He served in the latter capacity until April 26, 1907, on which date, while standing on the running board of the tender, he was brushed off by accident and both legs were cut off below the knee. This accident happened at West Park, a suburb of Cleveland, and of course put an end to his railroad career. Six months later Mr. Miller, plucky and energetic still, began to solicit fire, life and accident insurance on his stumps. He received



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no help whatsoever from the railroad company. He has continued in this business to the present time and in addition now handles real estate and is agent for the Winkley Artificial Limb Company, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the largest manufacturers of artificial limbs in the world. Needless to say Mr. Miller is equipped with a pair of the Winkley artificial limbs and is an ardent advocate of their patent adjustable double slip socket artificial leg, which is warranted not to chafe the stump. He has represented the above company for the past five years, during two of which he traveled for that concern. He has made a splendid success of business in recent years and owns a fine, big automobile which he drives as well as if he had never been crippled.

In politics Mr. Miller is an ardent republican. He was elected infirmary director of Lorain County in the fall of 1909 and took up the reins of office, with two other directors, January 1, 1910. He served in the above capacity with the utmost satisfaction to his constituents for two years. This office is now under the supervision of the county commissioners and is no longer elective. In the fall of 1912 Mr. Miller ran for the office of county recorder but owing to political exigencies met with defeat at the polls. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Elyria and is still affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors.

March 18, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Miller to Miss Ella Buswell, a daughter of Otis and Thankful (Fisk) Buswell, old settlers in LaGrange, Ohio, where they lived on the same farm for nearly sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Buswell are now deceased. Mrs. Miller was reared and educated in Lorain County. She and her husband have one daughter, Dorothy E., born in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are popular with their fellow citizens at Elyria and command the high esteem of all with whom they come in contact. It is to the inherent force of character and commendable ambition and the unremitting diligence of Mr. Miller himself that he steadily advanced in the business world until he now occupies a leading place among the active and representative men of Elyria.

Joseph Binehower. For more than twenty-five years a resident of Wellington, Joseph Binehower though now in his seventy-fifth year is still active, looking after his business every day, and has had a most eventful and unusual experience. He is one of the surviving veterans of that grand army that fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He has met every difficulty, has solved every problem, with the same unflinching courage and fidelity which characterized his service as a soldier.

Some idea of his career is reflected in a short paragraph which was published in 1915 under the title Fifty Years in Business. It reads as follows: "On July 10, 1865, Joseph Binehower took his first application for insurance, it being on the property of Jane S. Brown of Savannah, Ohio, and on Saturday, July 10, 1915, he celebrated his fiftieth anniversary in the business. He has had over 500 losses, all of which were settled without contesting a claim. This is certainly a great record. He is enjoying a good business at this time, and his many friends congratulate him upon his long and successful career as an insurance agent and wish him many more years in the business. He is still a live wire at the age of seventy-four, and represents some twenty-five companies."

Joseph Binehower was born in Wayne County, Ohio, June 17, 1841, a son of John and Fannie (Ault) Binehower, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents were John and Susan (Stober) Binehower, who moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio, where they spent the rest of their days. John Binehower served as a teamster in the War of 1812. The maternal grandfather, Valentine Ault, who mar-

ried a Miss Lauer, was also a native of Pennsylvania and was an early settler in Wayne County, Ohio. John Binehower, father of Joseph, was born May 12, 1810, and died December 20, 1893. His first wife, mother of Joseph, died April 29, 1844. They were married in Wayne County, Ohio, and the father followed the trade of plasterer for some years and afterwards became a farmer. He died in Ashland County. By his first wife there were two children: Susan, now deceased, was the wife of Richard Palmer, and Joseph. For his second wife John Binehower married Sarah Klotz, and of the two children of that marriage one is now living, Mrs. Maria C. Karth of Ashland, Ohio. Mr. Binehower's parents were members of the Lutheran Church, and his father was first a whig and later a republican. John Binehower by close application to business became quite well to do, but before his death lost nearly all his property.

Mr. Joseph Binehower received his early education in the district schools of Ashland County, and had four months of attendance at an academy. He had begun his career as a practical farmer when the war broke out, and on September 4, 1861, he enlisted in Company B of the First Ohio Light Artillery. He served three years seven days, and was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, September 12, 1864. He was always on duty, and the record of important engagements in which he participated includes Wild Cat, Kentucky; Perrysville, Kentucky; Stone River, Tennessee; siege of Tullahoma; Chickamauga; Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, and he left the army while the Atlanta campaign was in progress. Following the war he returned to Ashland County, worked on a farm a time, also attended the academy already mentioned, and then in July, 1865, started the insurance business as already noted. He remained in Ashland County until 1866 and from there moved to West Salem, Ohio, where he remained two years, was then in Nova, Ohio, six years, and three years at Polk, Ohio, where, in connection with insurance, he conducted a stove and tin business altogether eleven years.

On July 18, 1867, Mr. Binehower married Mary A. Marks, a daughter of George and Sophia (Hartman) Marks, her father a native of Richland County and her mother of Ashland County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Binehower became the parents of five children and four are now living: John M., who died April 9, 1905; Osea A., who married Morton A. Daugherty, is now a widow, employed as a clerk in a store at Wellington, has one child, Frances; Fannie M. married W. J. Slemmons, a dentist at Cleveland, and they have two children, Rhea Rutheda Fay and Joseph R.; Ada S., who is secretary to the John J. Rhodes Insurance Agency Company at Cleveland; and Azalia Blanche, wife of F. A. Davies, a shoe merchant at Wellington.

Mr. Binehower has always been prominent in Grand Army circles and filled the various offices in his post. He is also a Royal Arch Mason and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a republican.

For the past seventeen years Mr. Binehower has filled the office of justice of the peace, and has an unusual record in this office. He has disposed of 633 cases, and in all that time has had only six jury trials. During his residence at Polk in Ashland County, Ohio, he also filled the office of constable, deputy sheriff and town marshal. He was elected town marshal for the express purpose of putting a man out of the saloon business in the community, and he succeeded. While filling one of these offices just mentioned he also had the distinction of arresting for murder the last two criminals in Ohio who were hanged outside of penitentiary walls.

Mr. Binehower has been a resident of Wellington since 1888, at which

time he established his office as an insurance man, and he has always enjoyed a large and profitable business in that line. His prosperity is the more creditable on account of the fact that he had nothing given to him at the outset of his career, and has accomplished a great deal by relying upon his own efforts and courageously facing every circumstance.

ARTHUR THOMAS GLEW, D. D. S. Though a comparative newcomer to Elyria, Dr. Glew is an old resident of Ohio, spent many years in the successful practice of dentistry at Germantown, and is now fortunately located and enjoys many influential professional and social connections in his new home.

A native of Canada and of English parentage, Arthur Thomas Glew was born at Toronto May 8, 1871, a son of Thomas and Marguerite (McBride) Glew. His father was born in Yorkshire, England, and his mother in Toronto, Canada. Thomas Glew, who was brought by his parents to Canada when five years of age, grew up in that country, and became a school teacher, a profession which he followed practically all his active life, and for more than twenty-five years was engaged in his work in and around Toronto. He died in that city in May, 1903, and his widow is still living there. There were three children: Albert Edward died in Chicago in 1892; the second in age is Dr. Glew of Elyria; and Horace Greeley, who was given that name on account of his father's ardent admiration for the famous editor of the New York Tribune, is now a dentist at Warren, Ohio.

Dr. A. T. Glew received his early education in the public schools of Toronto, prepared for his profession in the Philadelphia Dental College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he graduated with the degree D. D. S. in 1896. He at once moved to Germantown, Ohio, and was soon recognized as one of the leading dentists in that section, and remained in practice for eighteen years. Mrs. Glew's health suffered in the climate of the valley of Germantown, and on this account Dr. Glew in June, 1914, removed to Elyria, and has since met with excellent success in this locality.

Fraternally Dr. Glew is affiliated with Germantown Lodge No. 157, Free and Accepted Masons; with the Royal Arch Chapter of Milesburg, Ohio; with the Modern Woodmen of America; and is a member of the Lorain County Dental Society and the Ohio State Dental Society. He also belongs to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are both active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elyria, and they have taken much interest in church affairs.

On December 30, 1896, Dr. Glew married Miss Martha Elizabeth Lee of Toronto, Canada. She was born in England, but when five years of age came to Toronto with her parents and lived in that city until her marriage. Her parents were Ephraim and Jane (Roberts) Lee. Her father was a dry goods merchant in Toronto and died in 1903, the same year of the death of Dr. Glew's father. Her mother is still living in Toronto. Dr. and Mrs. Glew have two children: Lillian Marguerite, who was born in Toronto, and Mildred Ione, born in Germantown, Ohio. Lillian is a member of the class of 1916 in the Elyria High School; while Mildred is in the 1918 class. Dr. Glew's offices are at 114 Middle Avenue.

ALAN R. BRANSON. The business manager of the Elyria Chronicle, Alan R. Branson, while still a young man as age is measured in years, has had a broad and varied experience in business life, and during his career has at times filled offices of public trust. He is one of the live, energetic and progressive men of his adopted city, whose enthusiasm and industry have contributed to the growth and prestige of the paper with which he is connected. Mr. Branson was born at Wellington, Ohio, October 24, 1886, and is a son of Edwin C. and Carrie Louise Branson.

Edwin C. Branson was born at Altoona, Pennsylvania, and learned the carpenter's trade at Defiance, Ohio, where he was married. Subsequently going to Wellington, he formed a partnership with G. H. Palmer and founded the Wellington Bending Works. This existed until the plant was merged into what is known as the Pioneer Pole & Shaft Co. After retiring from the firm he was elected county treasurer of Lorain County two terms of two years each; later was appointed tax commissioner of Lorain County by Governor Cox, which expired January 1, 1916. Mr. Branson is president of the Chronicle Printing Company of Elyria, although he and Mrs. Branson make their home at Wellington.

Alan R. Branson attended the public schools of his native place, and in 1904 was graduated from the Wellington High School, following which he took a course at Oberlin Business College, where he was graduated in 1905. He then went to Cheyenne, Wyoming, to enter upon his first business venture, the conduct of a hardware establishment. For several years thereafter he was engaged in playing professional baseball, at York, Pennsylvania; Worcester, Massachusetts; Ogden, Utah, and Tecumseh, Michigan. After this experience Mr. Branson returned to Wellington, where he became manager of the Wellington Cold Storage Company, a position which he held for four years and which he resigned to come to Elyria and take over the business management of the Elyria Chronicle. In his career he has shown the possession of versatile talents which have allowed him to succeed in several directions, his present position being no exception to the rule. Mr. Branson is a Master Mason. A republican in politics, he has taken a lively interest in party affairs, and has appeared in a favorable light in public matters, having served as clerk of the board of public affairs at Wellington from 1911 to 1914 and as clerk of the Wellington Township School Board during 1913 and 1914.

Mr. Branson was married at Wellington, June 16, 1910, to Miss Alberta May Knowlton, who was left an orphan when not yet six years of age, and after her thirteenth birthday made her home with Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Holland, of Wellington, until her marriage. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Branson: Edwin Alan, aged four years; and Jack Holland, two years old.

Frederick W. Colson is one of the prominent members of that group of live and enterprising business men and industrial leaders who have built up and given prestige to Elyria as a manufacturing city.

Born at Kent, Ohio, a son of W. B. Colson of Cleveland, and educated in the Cleveland public schools, Frederick W. Colson began his active business career about twenty-five years ago. He has the distinction of having been the first traveling man for the Garford Saddle Company and for a number of years he was closely associated with Mr. A. L. Garford and had an important share in extending the sales of the original Garford saddles. It was in 1890 that he accepted the commission to go out on the road for this company, and he continued with the firm for about eight years. After that he was in business in Chicago, Buffalo and Cleveland, and in 1907 returned to Elyria, and has since been actively identified with the Worthington Company and with the Machine Parts Company.

Mr. Colson is president of the Worthington Company, the other officers of which are: H. S. Follansbee, first vice president; F. Colson, second vice president, and Thomas N. Cook, secretary; and is vice president and treasurer of the Machine Parts Company, of which J. P. Brophy is president and H. W. Ingersoll is secretary. The Worthington Company manufactures a large line of wheeled vehicles under the trademark Fairy, including velocipedes and similar vehicles for children, and invalid wheel chairs and other wheel equipment and furniture for hospitals and sani-

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tariums. The Machine Parts Company also manufactures wheel goods, screw machine products, and fine reed furniture.

Mr. Colson is an honorary member of the Ohio National Guard, is a republican in politics, is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Elyria, is a member of the Cleveland Athletic Club, the Elyria and Cleveland Automobile clubs, the Elyria Country Club and the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. His church is the Presbyterian. At Cleveland on December 18, 1894, he married Miss Ivy Edmondson, daughter of George W. Edmondson of Norwalk, Ohio.

SMITH W. MOORE. The representative of the Ohio State Life Insurance Company, of Columbus, Ohio, at Elyria, Smith W. Moore has been identified with this line of business only since 1912, but in the short period of three years has become known as one of the leading insurance men of this part of the state. Mr. Moore was born at Deersville, Harrison County, Ohio, March 1, 1878, and is a son of Samuel S. and Alice A. (Smith) Moore.

The parents of Mr. Moore were married at Deersville. The father is a native of Harrison County and the mother of Canal Dover, Ohio. Samuel S. Moore was the first school principal at Deersville, and subsequently gave up the vocation of education for that of the law, having been admitted to the bar about 1878, after some study at Hopedale, Ohio. He practiced at New Phildelphia, Ohio, for about eight years, and then entered journalism as editor and owner of the New Philadelphia Times, with which he was connected for eighteen years. Selling out at the end of that time he returned to his legal practice at New Philadelphia for two years, and in 1909 moved to Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio, where he continued to be engaged in practice until 1913. In that year he was appointed one of the state examiners, in the Bureau of Accounting, a position which he still holds, his residence being at Oberlin, where Mrs. Moore also resides. There are four children in the family, all living: Smith W., the eldest, and the only son; Evangeline, who is now the wife of Roy Gordon, of Mineral City, Ohio; Isabel, who is the wife of Franklin D. Whitwell, of Knowlesville, New York; and Josephine, who lives with her parents at Oberlin. Mrs. Gordon is a graduate of the New Philadelphia High School and Mrs. Whitwell of Oberlin Academy, while Josephine is attending Oberlin High School and will graduate with the class of 1916.

Smith W. Moore attended the public schools of New Philadelphia, following which he took a two-year course under Prof. John P. Kuhn, who was one of the most able professors in Ohio. At the normal school he specialized in mathematics, and subsequently went to the New Philadelphia Business College, where he took a course in stenography. He was next with James B. Clow & Company, at Newcomerstown, Ohio, for a short time, and then became associated with his father, on the latter's paper at New Philadelphia. After being thus engaged for two years, he went to Evanston, Wyoming, as assistant bookkeeper and stenographer with the Beeman & Cashin Mercantile Company, but two years later resigned that position to enter the service of the Union Pacific Railway Company, where he remained as night ticket agent and freight clerk for one year. Returning to New Philadelphia, he became connected with the Pennsylvania lines, at Canal Dover, Ohio, as bill clerk for one year, and then went to the Southwest, locating at Tyler, Texas, where he entered the service of the Saint Louis & Southwestern Railroad. There he was employed in connection with joint account settlements in the auditor's office for four and one-half years, when he again returned to New Philadelphia, and when his parents went to Oberlin he accompanied them to that place and remained there until accepting a position with the Lake

Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at Elyria. After working there for two years as bill clerk, in 1912 he engaged in the life insurance business with the Ohio State Life Insurance Company, in which connection he has since specialized in health and accident insurance as general agent, his offices being located in the Elyria Block. Mr. Moore has made a decided success of his operations in this line, and has written some large business for his company. This is recognized as one of the strongest and safest institutions in the Middle West, having a cash capital (1915) of $661,902, and total assets of over $954,722.03. Its reputation for promptness and fidelity to agreements has given it high standing, a position which Mr. Moore shares among those with whom he has had transactions. Mr. Moore is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Oberlin.

On February 27, 1898, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Bertha Jones, of Stillwater, Ohio, who was born and educated there and an accomplished musician.

William Ford Lord. A family that has been identified with Lorain County for fully seventy years is represented by William F. Lord, a well known and successful carpenter contractor at Elyria, who is himself a native of this county, and has done a good deal to extend the associations of the name with usefulness and honor in this section of the state.

Born at Ridgeville, Lorain county, September 11, 1847, William Ford Lord is a son of Thomas and Maria (Ford) Lord. Both his parents were natives of England, and after their marriage came to the United States in the early '40s, landing in New York City, and shortly afterwards settling at the old Village of Olmsted in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. About a year later they moved to Ridgeville in Lorain County. Thomas Lord ran away from his home in England when only nine years of age, and shipped on an ocean going vessel, and spent many years in seafaring life. He sailed both on ocean vessels and in the marine of the Great Lakes, and part of his early career was spent in the United States Navy, from which he received an honorable discharge. All this occurred many years before the Civil war, and before he had married. Returning to England, he married there Miss Ford, and then crossed the ocean to establish his permanent home in the Middle West. Many years later when he was quite an old man, he returned to England on a visit. This was about 1875. Thomas Lord owned about fifty acres in Ridgeville and cleared it out from the wilderness, partly with the help of his son William F. Six years before his death Thomas Lord moved to another place two miles distant, in Ridgeville Township, and both farms were in his estate at the time of his death. He attended with his wife the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was an active member. There were four sons and two daughters in the family; all of them grew up, and three boys and one girl are still living. Sarah, the oldest, and the wife of Thomas Kelly of Olmsted, Cuyahoga County, is now deceased, as is also her husband. Minnie is the wife of Percy Saulsbury of Olmsted. The third in age is William F. of Elyria. Richard J. died at Olmsted. George lives at Olmsted. Bert H. is a resident of Elyria. All these children were born on the old farm in Ridgeville and received their early education in that township.

For many years William F. Lord was identified with the agricultural activities of Ridgeville Township. In 1895 he moved to Elyria and has since carried on a large business as a carpenter contractor, has constructed a number of houses in and about Elyria, and has some valuable holdings in local real estate. In politics he is an active republican. While a resident of Ridgeville he served as supervisor a number of times. Fraternally he is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons.

September 11, 1879, he married Miss Marie Westley of Ridgeville township. Mrs. Lord was born in England, but was only nine years of age when her parents, George M. and Charlotte (Luck) Westley, came to this country. Her mother is now living at Butternut Ridge, in Lorain County, past ninety-one years of age, while her father died at Elyria in 1906. Three children comprise the household circle of Mr. and Mrs. Lord. Lottie M., Merwin H. and Frank G. were all born in Ridgeville, but finished their education in the Elyria public schools. Frank graduated from the high school with the class of 1908. The son, Merwin H., married Miss Marietta Cox of Elyria, and thus there are two granddaughters in the family, Marion and Vivian.

Charles W. Smalley, the proprietor of a flourishing grocery and bakery at No. 579 Broad Street, Elyria, is a business man and citizen of substantial standing who has won his position of honor by years of labor and intelligently directed industry. Mr. Smalley was born April 10, 1871, at Petrolia, Pennsylvania, one of the noted centers of oil production of the Keystone State and the home of the famous "Coal Oil Johnnie," who was a neighbor and close acquaintance of Mr. Smalley. He is a son of Lorenzo W. and Mary E. (Larkin) Smalley, the former a native of the vicinity of Elmira, New York, and the latter born near New York City. The parents were married in New York State and at an early day moved to Petrolia, Pennsylvania, where the father was engaged as an express owner and baggageman, but subsequently went to near Gilman, Illinois, in 1879. There Lorenzo W. Smalley followed farming for a period of twenty years, then moving to Onarga, Illinois, where he conducted a bakery and restaurant for one year, then retiring and living quietly until his death in April, 1900. He was buried at Onarga, following which Mrs. Smalley moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where her son was at that time located. She has since made her home with the subject of this sketch. During the Civil war Lorenzo W. Smalley made an effort to enlist in the Union Army, but was unable to pass the examination for physical soundness. He was a member of an old Yankee family, while Mrs. Smalley was of Scotch-Irish descent. There were four sons in their family, all of whom are living: William L., a bachelor, who was last heard from several years ago at Sioux City, Iowa; George W., of Cleveland, Ohio, engaged in the real estate and collecting business; F. E., who is representative for the Frank Leslie Publishing Company, of New York, publishers of Judge and other magazines, having charge of their business in Texas, Oklahoma and a part of Mexico, with headquarters at Dallas, Texas; and Charles W.

The two older boys were educated in the public schools of Petrolia, Pennsylvania, while F. E. and Charles W. attended the district schools of Illinois, where the family resided at the time. Mr. Smalley's parents were not financially able to give him the education that either they or he would have desired, but he was an assiduous student, making the most of his opportunities, and when he left the district school, at the age of thirteen years, had secured a good training. At that time, to quote his own words, he "began to hustle." His first business venture on his own account was as the successor of his father in the bakery and restaurant at Onarga, an enterprise which he owned and conducted for four years, then selling out and moving, in 1896, to Cleveland, Ohio, where he secured a position as traveling representative for the great packing firm of Swift & Company. For eight years he was engaged in traveling in Cleveland and to points within fifty miles of that city, and believes that during this period he gained more real education and secured more practical knowledge than his schooling and experience had ever given him. On leaving

the employ of this concern, Mr. Smalley went to Ridgeville, Lorain County, Ohio, and there, in partnership with F. S. Bates, bought a general store and conducted it under the name of Bates & Smalley for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Smalley disposed of his interests. At this time, in 1907, Mr. Smalley came to Elyria, where he bought the business of D. L. Curtis, grocer and baker at No. 579 Broad Street, where he has since carried on an excellent business in fancy groceries and bakery goods. Mr. Smalley is one of the wide-awake business men of Elyria, and is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, the Elyria Grocers' and Butchers' Association, the United Commercial Travelers and the Elyria Automobile Club. Personally he is a large, jovial man, whose many sterling qualities attract friends to him wherever he goes, but, although he enjoys the companionship of his fellows, he is more of a home man, and belongs to no fraternal orders. While they are not members, Mr. and Mrs. Smalley attend the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

On December 15, 1903, at Cleveland, Mr. Smalley was married to Miss Grace A. McGarrell of Westfield, New York, where she was born, reared and educated, daughter of the late Michael and Zilpha (Bristol) McGarrell. Mr. McGarrell died at Westfield, in 1913, and the mother still resides there, where the family is an old and honored one. After nine and one-half years of wedded life, Mr. and Mrs. Smalley became the parents of a daughter, Marion Zilpha, who was born at the Elyria Memorial Hospital, June 22, 1913. The saddest event in Mr. Smalley's life occurred April 26, 1915, when this little one was taken away, dying at the age of twenty-two months.

Louis Hadaway. The junior member of the firm of Hadaway Brothers, one of the rapidly growing business enterprises of Elyria, Louis Hadaway has been connected with this establishment since its inception and has had an active part in building up its business to its present large proportions. He is a native son of Elyria and with the exception of two years has passed his entire life here, his career being typical of the rewards to be attained through industry and integrity and the following out of an idea along well directed lines.

Mr. Hadaway was born September 19, 1878, and is a son of Charles and Margaret (Mayers) Hadaway, the former born near London, England, and the latter in Ireland. Charles Hadaway was about nineteen years of age when he emigrated to the United States and settled at Elyria, and here continued to maintain his home during a period of more than twenty-eight years, his death occurring when he was forty-eight years of age. During seventeen years of this time he was employed on the stock farm of the late T. W. Laundon, located near Elyria. Mrs. Hadaway, who survives her husband, makes her home here. There were eight children in the family, as follows: one who died in infancy; Mrs. Kate Bath, deceased, who left two sons, now grown, Alfred and Charles, residents of Cleveland; George H., who is the senior member of the firm of Hadaway Brothers, and whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this work; Eliza, who is the wife of Alfred Myers, of Cleveland; Charles, of Elyria; Louis; Fred, of Elyria; and Susan, who is the wife of Walter Johns, of Cleveland. All the children were born at Elyria and here educated in the public schools.

After securing his educational training in the public schools, Louis Hadaway went to work with H. M. Andress, who was engaged in the livery business at Elyria, thus early gaining experience in a business in which he was later to win marked success. He remained with Mr. Andress for six years, and then turned his attention to the trade of machinist, in the plant of the National Tube Company, a concern with which he was

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connected for eight years. When he had thoroughly mastered his trade and demonstrated his ability and capacity, he was sent by that company to Cleveland, Ohio, as an inspector, but after two years returned to the mills at Elyria, where he was employed until engaging in business with his brother, George H. In 1902 they bought the livery business of George Bivins, who was located on the present site of the American Theatre, on Broad Street, and from the start the venture was a decidedly successful one. In 1905, finding larger and more up-to-date quarters necessary, they built what is the largest storage building and livery in Lorain County, located at No. 607 Broad Street. Here are kept seventy horses and ten automobiles and automobile trucks, used for hack and transfer service, heavy teaming, moving, etc., with a patronage that extends all over the county. The Hadaway Taxi Company maintains a line of taxicabs, and makes a specialty of furnishing these vehicles for weddings, funerals, touring parties, etc.

Like his brother, Mr. Hadaway is a republican, but also like him his activities in civic life have been confined to an effort to secure good legislation and efficient officials. He is an enthusiastic automobilist and a popular member of the Elyria Automobile Club, but finds his greatest recreation, perhaps, in trout fishing. Each summer he spends his vacation in the vicinity of Traverse City, Michigan, and rarely returns without some magnificent specimens to show for his skill in the piscatorial art.

Mr. Hadaway was married October 11, 1899, to Miss Margaret M. Hutchins, who was born and educated at Elyria, where her family were old pioneers. Her parents were Almon and Phoebe (Madison) Hutchins, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter still makes her home at Elyria. Mr. and Mrs. Hadaway are the parents of two sons: Louis Sterling, born June 15, 1901; and Almon Russell, born September 9, 1907, both at Elyria.

James A. Hewitt. As a general contractor and builder Mr. Hewitt has filled an important niche in the business community of Elyria for more than ten years. His record of practical achievement as a builder is a long one, and is unmistakable evidence of his thoroughness and reliability and his reputation is now such that people entrust to him a task with the complete confidence that it will be fulfilled in both the letter and spirit of the contract and the specifications. Mr. Hewitt was formerly associated with other firms and partners, but now is in business alone, and his offices are in the Masonic Temple.

A Canadian by birth and of English ancestry, James A. Hewitt was born in the Village of Blyth, Ontario, December 26, 1878, a son of James A. and Annie Elizabeth (Wismer) Hewitt, the former a native of London, England, and the latter of Jordan, Ontario. They were married in the Town of Oshawa, Ontario. James A. Hewitt, Sr., was about seventeen years of age when he came from England to Canada, and for many years has been a successful contractor and in addition to that business now conducts a planing mill and lumber yard at Beamsville, Ontario, where he and his wife have lived for the past ten years. He was formerly a resident of Grimsby, where he was honored with the offices of mayor and councilman several times. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. All their five children, two sons and three daughters, are living: Mrs. S. S. Russ of Beamsville, Ontario; James A., who is the only member of the family in the United States; Mrs. T. J. Noble, living near London, Canada; Ethel, at home; and Roy, who is with his father at Beamsville.

James A. Hewitt got into practical activities when little more than a boy, after finishing his education in the common and high schools of

Grimsby, Ontario. His first work was one year in a printing office, the Grimsby Independent at Grimsby, but he left that to learn the carpenter's trade. He had been doing carpenter work for two years when he met an accident. His right hand was deeply cut by a saw, inflicting a painful if not dangerous wound, and for nearly a year totally incapacitated him for further work at his trade. By careful treatment the wound was healed, and only a scar now exists as a memento of the accident. Though unable to work at his trade, he found a situation as conductor and station agent on the H. G. & B. Railway at Grimsby. This position was given him on account of his acquaintance with C. H. Green, who was at that time superintendent of the road. Mr. Green is now superintendent of motive power for all the radial lines and city lines running into Hamilton, Ontario. Being once more fit for work, Mr. Hewitt resumed his apprenticeship as a carpenter, and was one of his father's trusted and efficient workmen up to eleven years ago.

Mr. Hewitt came to Elyria from Grimsby, Ontario, in 1904, and for the following two years was foreman with the general contracting firm of Hinkson & Halpin. He was next with F. C. Wolf, general contractor at Elyria, for a little more than a year. In 1907 he started out for himself as a general contractor, but in November of the following year formed a partnership, The Halpin & Hewitt Company, general contractors. After a year and a half Mr. Hewitt withdrew from the company, on April 1, 1909, and at that time opened his office as an individual contractor in the Masonic Temple. He has since looked after his business alone, and has been highly successful. His specialty in the building line is the construction of residences, and there are now more than a hundred houses in Elyria and vicinity which testify to his ability in this direction, and which represent investments of many thousands of dollars. Some of the notable private homes and other structures which have gone up under his superintendence and with the facilities which he supplies are the following: The A. B. Taylor residence on Washington Avenue; Mrs. Clayton Strauss' home on Washington Avenue; the residences on Columbus Street of A. L. Patrick and J. B. Thomas; F. A. Smyth's home on Washington Avenue, and he also built the Charles Flower Block and the Hecock Floral Company's building.

While a young man living in Canada Mr. Hewitt took an active part in politics, but he has not been inclined or has found no time for such matters since locating in Elyria. Fraternally he is best known in Masonic circles, having affiliations with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, with Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is past high priest, with Elyria Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masters, Elyria Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar, in which (1916) he is eminent commander, and with Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He is also a director and second vice president of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Elyria Automobile Association. While not members he and his wife attend and give their support to the First Congregational Church.

On November 20, 1901, at Beamsville, Ontario, Mr. Hewitt married Miss Fannie T. Gibson. Her parents Joseph G. and Margaret (McGill) Gibson, were both born in Scotland, and on coming to this country settled in Grimsby, Ontario, from there moved to Olmsted Falls in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and died there. Mr. Gibson was foreman of railway bridge construction. It is interesting to note how the destiny of life brought Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt together. She was born in Grimsby, Ontario, in a house next door to where her future husband then lived, but so far as known neither one of them was conscious of the other's existence until years later. When she was one year old her parents took her to Olmsted Falls, Ohio, and she did not return to Canada until an attrac-

tive young lady of about eighteen, and while at Beamsville she and Mr. Hewitt first came to know each other. A few years after their marriage they came to live in Elyria, which is not far from her girlhood home in the adjoining county in Ohio. Mrs. Hewitt was educated chiefly in the public schools of Olmsted Falls. To their marriage have been born two children: Margaret Frances, whose birthplace was Beamsville, Ontario, and George Phelps, who was born in Elyria. Their home is at 315 Park Avenue. Mr. Hewitt takes his principal recreation in automobiling.

Frank Allen Smith. A resident of Lorain County most of his life, Mr. Smith's name is associated with various phases of Elyria's commercial activities. For nearly twenty years he has been in the real estate and insurance business as his chief line of enterprise, has assisted in the promotion and has financial interests in different business concerns, and has identified himself with the organized movements for the general improvement of the community. There is hardly any event of importance in the civic and commercial history of Elyria during the past twenty years with which he has not been connected in some public spirited manner. He is now secretary and treasurer of The F. A. Smith & Brother Company, probably the leading concern in Lorain County in the handling of real estate and insurance and surety bonds. The corporation, which has been only recently formed to succeed the former partnership of F. A. Smith & Brother, has offices in the Elyria Block.

He was born in Wellington, Lorain County, Ohio, April 25, 1868, a son of Milo R. and Abigail (Haskell) Smith. His father died at Elyria August 30, 1913, and the mother is still living, her home being in Oberlin. Milo R. Smith was born at Amherst in Lorain County, and his wife is a native of Augusta, Maine, born on the Penobscot River. She came to Lorain County with her mother, locating about 1856 in Oberlin, where she and Milo Smith married. The Smiths came to Ohio from Northern New York, their original seat having been near the head of the Hudson River. Milo Smith spent all his active years as a farmer in Huntington Township in Lorain County. There were six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom reached maturity and all but one are now living. In order of age the children are: Will M., now president of The F. A. Smith & Brother Company; Edward H., who died in 1884 at the age of twenty-one on the home place in Huntington Township; Margaret, Mrs. L. S. Hazel of Atlanta, Georgia; Frank A.; Mason D., a teacher in the public schools at Elyria; and Minerva, Mrs. Harry Crosier of Pittsfield, Ohio. All the children claim Lorain County as their birthplace, and as children attended the local public schools and all graduates of the Wellington High School. Will and Frank also attended business college in Terre Haute, Indiana, while Mason took his higher instruction in the Ohio Northern University at Ada.

Frank A. Smith graduated from the Wellington High School with the class of 1888, then entered business college at Terre Haute, and following his graduation became bookkeeper with J. R. Duncan & Company of that city. A year later he went to Williamsburg, Kentucky, and spent five years with the Kentucky Lumber Company as bookkeeper. Returning to his home county, he located in Elyria in 1895, and about a year later engaged in the insurance and real estate business. He shared an office with Clayton Chapman, but did business alone until 1912, when he was joined by his brother Will. Mr. Frank Smith moved from the Chapman office into the old Elyria Block, and was the first tenant in that structure, which subsequently was burned. With the construction of the new Elyria Block he was the first tenant to take possession, and that is still his business home. When his brother Will joined him in the busi-

ness the firm became known as F. A. Smith & Brother, but in May, 1915, the business was incorporated under the name The F. A. Smith & Brother Company, with Will Smith as president and Frank A. Smith as secretary and treasurer. This company handles surety bonds, fire insurance and city real estate, and is the leader in these lines in Elyria. The firm platted and laid out the Dewey Avenue allotment in Elyria in 1907, and all of that subdivision is practically sold out.

Mr. Frank Smith is a stockholder in the Lorain County Abstract Company. In politics he is a republican, and in many ways has made his influence count for good in the improvement of the community. He served five years continuously as a member of the city council, and during the first two years represented the Third Ward and in the last three years was councilman at large. He was also city assessor in the Fourth Ward for three successive years.

Mr. Smith is much interested in fraternal affairs, and is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Elyria; Oriental Commandery of the Knights Templar at Cleveland; Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland; Lake Erie Consistory of the Thirty-second Degree at Cleveland; and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Order of the Eastern Star and the National Union in the local bodies at Elyria. He is a working member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Smith was married to Miss Nell E. Short of Wellington, November 4, 1891, and on the same day he also voted for Major McKinley for governor of Ohio. Mrs. Smith was born in Devonshire, England, and when about two years of age was brought to the United States by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Short. About six years later she lost her father, and her mother had passed away when Mrs. Smith was about six years of age. She was reared and educated principally in Berea, Ohio, and subsequently lived at Wellington until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a daughter, Esther La Rue, aged twelve, and now attending the grade schools at Elyria.

Will M. Smith. The active business career of Will M. Smith covers fully thirty years, and the first half of that period was spent in the lumber industry and for the past fifteen years he has been associated with his brother in the large real estate and insurance firm now known as The F. A. Smith & Brother Company, with offices in the Elyria Block in Elyria.

A native of Lorain County, born at Huntington October 9, 1860, Will M. Smith is a son of the late Milo R. and Abigail (Haskell) Smith. His mother is still living at Elyria. Further particulars concerning the family will be found in the sketch of Frank A. Smith. Reared on a farm, Will M. Smith attended the country schools, also the Wellington High School, and prepared for business by a course in the Terre Haute Business College of Terre Haute, Indiana. He got into active business life as a sawmill operator, and spent fourteen years in that industry, two years in Huntington and twelve years at Centerton, near Chicago Junction, in Huron County. Having sold out his interests at Centerton he moved to Elyria in September, 1901, and the following summer built his attractive home in that city, performing a large share of the work himself. In the fall of 1902 Mr. Smith entered into business relations with his brother Frank A. under the firm name of F. A. Smith & Brother. In May, 1915, his business was incorporated as The F. A. Smith & Brother Company, with Will Smith president and his brother secretary-

treasurer. This company handles surety bonds, fire insurance and city real estate and stands at the top as a reliable agency in these lines. The firm in 1907 platted and laid out the Dewey Avenue allotment in Elyria, and at this writing practically the entire subdivision is sold out.

Mr. Smith takes much interest in fraternal affairs. He is secretary of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and has held that office for the past ten years. For the past eight years he has been recording secretary of Elyria Lodge No. 103, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Elyria. He belongs to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and in politics a republican, was quite active in local affairs while living at Centerton, in Huron County, serving as a trustee of Norwich Township, as justice of the peace and as school director during his twelve years of residence there. His church is the Methodist Episcopal, and he was treasurer of the Sunday School a number of years up to January, 1915.

His first wife was Miss Stella M. Rotson of Spencer, Medina County, Ohio. She died in Elyria in 1901, one month after the family removed to this city. Her only daughter is now Mrs. C. R. Summers of Oberlin. On August 24, 1904, Mr. Smith married Mrs. Nellie White of Chicago Junction. The two children of her former marriage, both now with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, are Dale and Ethel White. Dale White is a young man who has become widely known for his athletic accomplishments. He is fond of all outdoor sports, including basketball, football, and is an expert swimmer. In the spring of 1915 he assisted the local police as expert diver in recovering the body of a small boy who had been drowned, and also swam out and saved the life of a boy whose canoe had been overturned. He is a graduate of the Elyria High School with the class of 1913 and is a young man of great promise.

Harvey T. Winckles. Two of Elyria's most successful business men are members of the Winckles family, which was originally established in North Ridgeville of Lorain County. The parents of these two men are Thomas and Lucy (Hurst) Winckles, who are now living retired at Elyria. On other pages will be found information concerning them, and also the brother, Carey T.

Harvey Winckles was born at the homestead in North Ridgeville June 3, 1871. When a boy he attended the district school, also the public schools of Elyria and made himself independently supporting before he was out of his teens.

For a time he and his brother were engaged in farming together. He took great interest in live stock and horses, and at different times owned and handled a number of fine animals.

In 1896 he became actively associated with the Farm Implement Company, of which he is now the head. This company originated as a joint enterprise of the Winckles brothers and four senior associates. These were in turn bought out, while Mr. Robbins retained his interest and remained with them until his death in 1811. Thus the Winckles brothers own most of the stock in the Farm Implement Company, but Harvey T. has all the responsibilities of its management.

The Farm Implement Company is the largest concern of its kind in Lorain County. Besides having a large supply of general hardware, it handles farm machinery, buggies, harnesses, stoves, paints, oils and varnish, and also has a large trade in field and garden seeds.

Harvey T. Winckles is a director of and largely interested in the Elyria Construction Company, of which his brother is president and manager, and is also one of the directors of the Savings Deposit Bank

and Trust Company of Elyria. He is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and of the First Congregational Church.

On December 2, 1896, Mr. Winckles married Miss Lizzie Philpott, a sister of George Philpott, the well known shoe merchant of Elyria. Mrs. Winckles was born and educated in Elyria, is a graduate of the high school, and for about four years prior to her marriage was one of the popular teachers in the public schools of Elyria.

J. Harry Hurst. The proper measure of importance and prosperity for a city is not found in its buildings and other material facilities so much as in its men. In proportion as a community has a group of live and enterprising individuals, it is performing its share of the world's service and is making progress in the right direction. In the nucleus of live and energetic citizens who are the core of Elyria's prosperity, one of the first to deserve mention is J. Harry Hurst. Mr. Hurst was for many years in the employ of the National Tube Company, rising from an humble place in that industry to an executive office. A few years ago he resigned and has since directed the full current of his energies to the business life of Elyria. He is president of its Chamber of Commerce, is identified with a number of local concerns, and is active head and senior member of the firm of The Wilkins-Hurst Company, the largest and oldest furniture and undertaking house in Lorain County.

At their location 382-386 Broad Street, three large floors are filled with an elaborate stock of furniture and rugs, while at 248 Broad Street are located the undertaking parlors, containing a chapel, a morgue, and a show and storage rooms for the largest line of caskets in Lorain County. The company also operates an auto invalid car and has every facility for perfect service.

J. Harry Hurst was born at Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1859, a son of Joseph Lee and Nancy (Jack) Hurst. His father was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and is now living at McKeesport in that state at the age of seventy-eight. Since 1900 he has continuously held the office of county assessor of real estate. The mother is also still living at the age of seventy-nine. Joseph L. Hurst made a notable record as a soldier in the Civil war, serving as a private in Captain Henry L. Donnelly's Company G of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry. He enlisted August 8, 1862, for a term of nine months, and was discharged at the expiration of his term on May 24, 1863, at Harrisburg. He is now a popular member of Colonel Sam W. Black Post, No. 59, Grand Army of the Republic, at McKeesport. He and his wife are the parents of six sons and three daughters, but the daughters all died in infancy. The six sons are living, and in order of age are named J. Harry, Frank W., Charles F., James Edward, J. Lee Jr., and William B. All except J. Harry live in McKeesport, are connected with the National Tube Company interests in various capacities, as foremen, furnace men, etc., and their homes are so located that all can be with their parents if required in fifteen minutes time. The children were born at different localities in Pennsylvania, but within a radius of 100 miles around Pittsburg.

A short time after the war Joseph L. Hurst had engaged in the dry goods business at Latrobe, but reverses came and the financial stress fell heavily upon his family. J. Harry Hurst was at that time attending the public schools, but soon afterward found it necessary to get into some self-supporting activity. Most of his school attendance was at McKeesport, and it has always been a matter of deep regret with him that he was unable to continue his education as far as he desired. An education he holds one of the greatest advantages man or woman can possess, and with this idea he has been very liberal in securing the best of schooling

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for his own children. When fifteen years of age Mr. Hurst entered the employ of the National Tube Company, and continued with that industry for twenty-seven years. From a position hardly more than that of office boy, he went through many grades of responsibility, had charge of a number of departments, and after the company entered the trust he was transferred from McKeesport to the treasurer's office in the Frick Building at Pittsburg, where he remained five years, and was then transferred to South Lorain, Lorain County, as chief clerk of tube and pipe department. This was in March, 1905, and after holding that position two years he resigned, and has since been actively identified with the business community of Elyria.

Mr. Hurst came to Elyria in November, 1907, and secured an interest in what is now the Wilkins-Hurst Company. At the location on Broad Street already named a furniture store has been in business continuously since 1837. Until Mr. Hurst came to Elyria the firm was Ensign & Wilkins. On the death of Mr. Ensign Mr. Hurst bought his interests. Mr. Ensign was at one time a sheriff of Lorain County. The business has since been incorporated as the Wilkins-Hurst Company. Mr. C. H. Wilkins still has an interest in the company, but since 1911 on account of ill health has been obliged to live in Redlands, California, where he looks after an insurance business. Mr. Hurst is now the senior partner and owns the bulk of the stock and is active head of this flourishing business.

Known as a successful businessman, Mr. Hurst has been drawn into many of the activities which are making for a greater or better Elyria. In politics he is a republican, and in 1913 was appointed a member of the board of education to fill out the term of W. W. Austin, who had resigned, and at the fall election held in Elyria on November 4, 1915, he was elected a member of the board for a term of three years and January 1, 1916, was elected first vice president of that body. He is chairman of the building committee of the board of education. He is also a director of the Elyria Savings and Banking Company, a director and trustee of the Elyria Y. M. C. A., and a director of the Y. W. C. A., is president and a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Merchants Association of Elyria, treasurer of the Men's Club of the Episcopal Church, treasurer of the Men's Federation Club of Elyria, and a member of the Elyria Country Club. When business permits, he enjoys a quiet game of golf with his friends at the Country Club. He has been elected a life member of the Memorial Hospital Association of Elyria and is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In Masonry he has taken the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite, belongs to the Council and the Knight Templar Commandery at Elyria and to various other Masonic bodies in McKeesport, to Syria Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Pittsburg and to the Eastern Star, a Ladies' Auxiliary of the Masonic order. He is also a member of Harlan P. Chapman Post, Sons of Veterans, at Elyria, to the Elyria Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees, while his firm has membership in the Automobile Club.

Mr. Hurst's first wife was Miss Hattie B. Powers of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. She died three years after their marriage at McKeesport. Her one daughter, Lulu LaRue, is now the wife of Howard B. Somers of Elyria, now special agent there for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, with offices in the Century Block. Mrs. Somers was born in McKeesport, was educated there in the high school, spent nearly two years in the Indiana State Normal at Indiana, Pennsylvania, but left school on account of ill health.

The present Mrs. Hurst before her marriage was Miss Elizabeth S. Robb, who was born and reared in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and was educated at McKeesport, being a graduate of the high school of that city,

and lived there until her marriage. For a number of years she taught school at Braddock, five miles from McKeesport, going back and forth to her duties every day. Her parents were T. J. and Ellen (Veasey) Robb of Beaver County, where her father died about 1900. Her mother now lives at Elyria with a son. Two daughters and one son have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurst. The daughters are Eleanor and Isabel, both of whom are graduates of the Elyria public schools, each has taught a year in Elyria Township, and both are now students in the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware, where Eleanor will graduate with the class of 1916. Both the daughters were born in McKeesport. The son is Orlando Hunter Hurst, who was born in McKeesport, April 28, 1903, and is now attending the grade schools at Elyria.

WILLIAM STOLZENBURG'S record as a building contractor and in public affairs is one that gives him a special place in the history of the City of Elyria during the past thirty years, and reflects high credit upon his ability and public spirit.

A brother of Henry Stolzenburg of Elyria and a son of Christian and Mary (Ebel) Stolzenburg, William Stolzenburg was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, September 11, 1862. He came to the United States in the early '80s, several years before his parents emigrated to this country, and has been a resident of Elyria more than thirty years. His education came from the public schools of Germany, and after his confirmation in the Lutheran Church he attended night school four times a week for three years, taking second premium for scholarship the first year, first premium the second, and also received honors the third year. Before coming to this country he had served an apprenticeship of three years as a carpenter, worked as a journeyman one year and came to this country soon after his marriage. In 1885 Mr. Stolzenburg began the business of general contracting, and in the past thirty years it is doubtful if any building contractor in Lorain County has done a more extensive business. To his credit may be assigned the construction of more than 400 buildings in Elyria, including business blocks and some of the finest residences in the city.

At the same time he has been closely identified with the civic development of the city during his residence. For eighteen years he was a member of the volunteer hook and ladder company of the fire department, and is now a member of the Lorain County Volunteer Firemen's Association. He was appointed assistant chief of the fire department, but resigned that post in 1907 when elected councilman at large, a position he has filled with judgment and ability for four successive terms, and is regarded as one of the strongest men in the city council. He is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and the Elyria Builders' Exchange, and for many years has been one of the most influential members and officers of St. John's Lutheran Church, having served eighteen years as trustee, and is still in the office of head cashier of the church.

On July 13, 1883, Mr. Stolzenburg married Miss Augusta Bobzien, who was also born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin. To their marriage were born six children, all but one of them still living. Albert M., who was born before his parents left Germany, is in business at Elyria and married Tilla Stettin, and they have three children, Guy, Pearl and Ralph; Christian C., born in Elyria, as were the other children, is a machinist, and married Hattie Peters of Elyria, and has two children, Chester and Helen; William H., who was a soldier in the regular army of the United States for five years, married Lucy Pauley, and has one child, William; Rev. Otto F., who is now a minister of the Lutheran Church at Pomeroy, Ohio, married Nettie Vortman; Anna is at home with her parents; and

Emma is deceased. All the children are married except Anna and all received their early education in the German Lutheran School at Elyria, while Rev. Otto attended the public schools, the college at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and prepared for the ministry at the Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

PAUL W. SAMPSELL, M. D. No history of the medical profession in Lorain County would be complete without reference to the personality and the conspicuous success of the late Dr. Paul W. Sampsell, who for many years was undoubtedly the strongest practitioner of the Eclectic School in Lorain County, and stood first and foremost among all representatives of the profession in this part of the state. He possessed all the qualifications for the successful physician, and in the end had hosts of admirers of the symmetry and wholesomeness of his character.

Though spending the greater part of his long lifetime in Lorain County, Dr. Paul W. Sampsell was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, June 22, 1828. He died in Elyria May 8, 1888. He belonged to a fine old family and one that furnished a large number of physicians to the world. Educated in the common schools, he attended the Eclectic Medical College and also the Homeopathic School of Medicine at Cincinnati, from both of which institutions he graduated. His first place of practice was in Ashland, Ohio, and from there he moved to South Bend, Indiana. He enjoyed a high degree of popularity and standing among the leading citizens of that young manufacturing city, and continued there until failing health obliged him to seek a change of occupation and climate. A few years before gold had been discovered on the Pacific Coast, and among young men of venturesome spirit no undertaking was more highly in favor than a trip to California. Believing that such a journey would be of great benefit to him, he crossed the plains about the year 1852, the party going by wagon. Among other members of this little expedition were several of the famous Studebakers of South Bend, then young men and close friends of Doctor Sampsell. These young men not only conducted their own tour but looked after a number of wagons and families on the road to California. At the end of one year in California Doctor Sampsell was greatly encouraged by his renewed health, and then decided to return to his native state.

In 1854 he made a permanent location in Elyria, and continued there in the Eclectic practice of medicine until his death more than thirty years later. After going to Elyria he was offered a chair in one of the colleges of Cincinnati, but declined a position where his ability and learning would have made him useful as an influence in the instruction of young men preparing for medicine. This was mainly due to his great preference to remain in active private practice. The opinion has frequently been expressed that as a physician Doctor Sampsell had no superior and had few peers during his active career. He enjoyed not only a large office practice, but as long as health and age permitted he had demands upon his time and energies requiring almost constant riding about the City of Elyria. Doctor Sampsell served as mayor of Elyria, and it is to his administration that the nucleus of the present beautifully shaded streets of Elyria is indebted, as the first shade trees were planted at that time.

In 1855 Doctor Sampsell was married in Elyria to Miss Evaline Childs. To their marriage one son was born, Warren W., who died December 1, 1887, at the age of thirty-one. Mrs. Sampsell was a native of Elyria, and came of an early and highly respected family there, and she herself was a woman of high culture and popular esteem. She died at Elyria in 1904 at the age of sixty-seven. At the present time there is only one direct descendant of the late Doctor Sampsell. The son,

Warren W., and his wife are both deceased, but they left a son, Paul W., a grandson of Dr. Paul W., and now a successful lawyer practicing in Los Angeles, California. He has had his home in California since his grandmother's death in 1904.

GEORGE BENJAMIN RANSHAW. Few men possess the talent for the exercise of such extended activities for usefulness in the world as George B. Ranshaw, who is prominently known in Elyria through his work as a religious and social leader, and more recently as district agent for the Berkshire Life Insurance Company. A record of his life in detail makes interesting reading.

Born in Covington, Kentucky, January 27, 1864, George Benjamin Ranshaw is a son of Henry and Emma (Warwood) Ranshaw. His father was born in London and his mother in Birmingham, England, coming to America when young, and were married at Cincinnati, Ohio, whence they removed to Covington, Kentucky. The mother came to the United States when about fourteen years of age. Her parents settled first at Pittsburgh, and later moved to Cincinnati. The Warwoods made the trip from England to the United States in a sailing vessel, which required about five weeks for the voyage. Cholera broke out among the passengers, and three of her brothers fell as victims of the disease and were buried at sea, and scores of the other passengers died before the end of the voyage. Henry Ranshaw came to America with an older member of the family, George Stacey, a half-brother. He was about twenty-two years of age at the time, and they both settled in Cincinnati. They also made the trip from England in a sailing vessel. Henry Ranshaw had learned the trade of machinist and shipwright in London, and after coming to the United States he and his half-brother established an iron railing works in Cincinnati. They subsequently developed this into a plant for steel fabrication. Henry Ranshaw was on terms of intimacy with General Rosecrans and General McClellan, both of whom were distinguished leaders of the Union army during the Civil war, and through the influence of General Rosecrans a large amount of Government business was turned to the plant at Cincinnati. The business for which George Stacey furnished capital and which grew up largely under the supervision and as a result of the energy of Henry Ranshaw was known as the Stacey Manufacturing Company, and the firm is owned today by the children and grandchildren of Henry Ranshaw and George Stacey, both of whom are now deceased. While they had not yet completed their naturalization as American citizens at the time of the Civil war, they organized a regiment for the defense of Cincinnati, in which Henry Ranshaw became first lieutenant, and his brother a captain. It was known as Col. Amos Shinkle's Regiment, and it may be noted in passing that Colonel Shinkle built the suspension bridge over the Ohio River at Cincinnati. Henry and Emma Ranshaw were the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, all of whom grew up, and all are still living except two sons and one daughter.

The third son and the fifth child, George B. Ranshaw obtained his early education in the public schools of Covington, and also attended the famous old Chickering Institute of Cincinnati, a school which at different times enrolled many students who afterwards became famous, among them William H. Taft. Mr. Ranshaw entered the law department of the Cincinnati University, while Jacob D. Cox was its dean, and was graduated LL. B. with the class of 1885, and the same year, by special examinations, was admitted to the bar of Kentucky, and for about four years practiced in the office of George R. Sage and Thornton M. Hinkle

at Cincinnati. Later he went out to the frontier in Dakota Territory, locating in Edmunds County, where he established himself in the town called Roscoe, that name having been given the new town in honor of the noted New York lawyer and politician, Roscoe Conkling. While in Dakota he purchased the newspaper Appeal, the official organ of the prohibition party, became sole proprietor, and through voice and pen did a notable work in educating the people of both North and South Dakota to establish prohibition as one of the cardinal principles of state policy. Mr. Ranshaw and Rev. James H. Kyle were co-workers in Dakota, and they subsequently moved to Aberdeen in South Dakota. Kyle outlined the platform of the populist party in South Dakota, and was elected on that ticket for the United States Senate, and died while filling his second term as a senator at Washington. During the four years in Dakota Mr. Ranshaw was elected state president of the Christian Endeavor work of the State of South Dakota, and spent much of his time in presenting the principles of the Endeavor Society and in organizing it in various churches.

It was this work which finally brought him to answer the call to the active ministry. Having sold his newspaper in South Dakota, the Appeal of Aberdeen, to members of the populist party who employed its columns to advocate that brand of politics, he returned to Kentucky and entered the Transylvania University at Lexington, where he took the English theological course. As a minister of the gospel Mr. Ranshaw had charge of churches at Paris, Indiana, for one year, two and a half years at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, and in the third year entered upon his duties as pastor of the Walnut Hill Disciple Church in Cincinnati. He remained in that charge three years, and was then sent to Taylor, Texas, for a year. He was a member of the boards of both the Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the Disciples Church, and on account of his knowledge of the work of these two organizations he was sent as missionary pastor of the First Christian Church of San Antonio, Texas, and while there organized the first congregation of the Disciples faith among the Mexican population, and continued to superintend the work in the Mexican field as long as he remained in Texas. Later returning to Cincinnati he became assistant secretary of Home Missions, and that was his principal work for ten years, though in the meantime he did much preaching, and also founded and was editor of the American Home Missionary at Cincinnati. This paper is still published. Mr. Ranshaw has occupied the pulpit as a preacher in nearly all parts of the United States.

In 1910 Rev. Mr. Ranshaw was called to Elyria to become pastor of the local Disciples Church, and remained its minister up to October 1, 1914. Since transferring his work to the field of Lorain County he has practically identified himself with many important movements in this locality. He has been called upon for numerous addresses of a memorial character and especially in the cause of prohibition, and at the same time has proved himself a thorough student and vigorous worker for civic improvement. He was one of the commission of fourteen local citizens who drew up a new charter for the City of Elyria, though that charter was defeated by the machine politicians from both the dominant parties. He is now serving on the Elyria City Board of Health.

On October 1, 1914, Mr. Ranshaw entered business as district agent for the Berkshire Life Insurance Company of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. This is one of the oldest life insurance companies in the country, having been incorporated in 1851, and for sixty-three years it has measured up to the highest standards of an ideal insurance service, has successfully

met all the different tests applied by experience and changing conditions to insurance management, and offers practically all the most progressive forms of life insurance policies. Mr. Ranshaw's office as district agent is in the Masonic Temple, and he has already built up a large clientele over his district, which covers the counties of Lorain, Erie, Sandusky, Huron and Medina.

Mr. Ranshaw is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. Politically he is identified with that progressive branch of the original republican party whose champion is Theodore Roosevelt, but in local politics he votes independently. At the present time he is leader of the large men's class in the First Congregational Church Sunday School. He is also leading a large young men's bible class in the Elyria Young Men's Christian Association, known as the Automobile Bible Class, and the first to be instituted in America. In 1915 he was elected chairman of the religious work committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In the way of public service while living in Dakota Territory he served as city magistrate and police judge at Roscoe.

On October 25, 1894, at Covington, Kentucky, he married Miss Zue Lou O'Neal, daughter of Col. Weden O'Neal and Caroline (Fenley) O'Neal. On both sides Mrs. Ranshaw is descended from old Virginia stock. Her father was colonel of the Fifty-fifth Kentucky Regiment of the Union army during the Civil war, and for many years was one of the prominent lawyers and republicans in Northern Kentucky. A number of years ago he led a forlorn hope of the republicans against that eminent Kentuckian, John G. Carlisle. Mrs. Ranshaw's parents both died at Covington. She was born in Crittenden, Grant County, Kentucky, where her grandfather, John Fenley, a wealthy planter and slave owner, was one of the first settlers. Mrs. Ranshaw was educated in the public schools of Covington, and for years has been a leader in church work. At Elyria she has given special attention to the Mothers' and Teachers' Organization. She is a forceful speaker, and possesses almost a genius as an organizer. She organized the first Teachers' and Parents' Association in Elyria, and has directed its work to a point productive to great good to all the public schools and has brought about proper co-operation between the parents and the teachers. She is also president of the Political Study Club, the largest club in Elyria; is president of the Federation of Parents' and Teachers' organizations of Elyria; and is vice president of the exclusive social club known as the Four O'Clock Club, which is one of the oldest woman's organizations in Elyria, and has a membership limited to twenty-four. With the resignation of Emma S. Olds from the board of education of Elyria, Mrs. Ranshaw was appointed in her stead in December, 1914, and later she refused reappointment to the same office. She is frequently called upon to give addresses throughout the country around Elyria, largely on the subject of mothers' and teachers' co-operation in school affairs.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ranshaw were born two children: Weden O'Neal, who was born in Texas while his parents resided in that state, is now concluding his fourth year in the Staunton Military Academy in Virginia. Emily Warwood, the daughter, graduated from the Elyria High School in 1914, the leader of her class of eighty-four, and is now one of the most promising students in the large freshman class of 385 at Oberlin College. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hon. Anthony Nieding. Lorain County has had many occasions to be grateful to its present representative in the Lower House of the State Legislature, Anthony Nieding, who was elected on the republican ticket in 1914. Representative Nieding, who is a prominent lawyer of Elyria,

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with offices in the Masonic Temple, is less of a politician than a public spirited citizen, and has shown excellent judgment in his work in the Legislature. The city council of Elyria recently passed resolutions thanking him for his effective work in defeating the Behne bill, which it was generally believed would have proved seriously detrimental to the cause of municipal ownership in Ohio. The bill was referred to a committee and Mr. Nieding, knowing of the bill and the action the committee was to take, was instrumental in sidetracking the bill for two weeks, when it was finally defeated. Another part of his legislative record was his bill, introduced at the request of the State Coroners Association, permitting coroners to deputize private citizens to serve writs and receive fees. This bill passed both houses of the Legislature in May and is now a law.

Descending from old German stock of Lorain County, Anthony Nieding was born on a farm in Elyria Township, August 2, 1875. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Neufer) Nieding. His father was born in Germany, was brought to America as a child, his parents settling in Black River Township, and his life has been spent as a farmer, largely in Ridgeville Township. Elizabeth Neufer was born in Michigan, and her father, George Neufer, was also a native of Germany, and after coming to America saw service as a Union soldier in the Civil war.

Educated in the country district schools, Anthony Nieding later attended Baldwin College near Cleveland, and spent two years in the Cleveland Law School. He was admitted to the bar June 12, 1903, and for the past twelve years has been engaged in active practice at Elyria and has a large clientage and has been unusually successful in handling many important cases. His activities in behalf of the public welfare began with manhood, and he has proved an effective worker in many movements. He was formerly a member of the Republican County Central Committee, is active in the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and in 1901 was elected secretary of the Lorain County Agricultural Society, a post he held for a number of years. Fraternally he is identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, belonging to Elyria Aerie No. 431 of Elyria; with the Modern Woodmen of America; the Knights of Pythias; Elyria Lodge, No. 465, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Harlan P. Chapman Camp of the Sons of Veterans at Elyria.

On October 14, 1903, Mr. Nieding married Miss Grace Babcock, daughter of George P. and Lois A. (Mathison) Babcock. Her father came from New London, Connecticut, and after living in Lorain County a number of years went to New Jersey, where he was a Federal employe, and where he died in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Nieding have one daughter, Lois E., born June 14, 1905.

William E. Roe. Among those who have quite recently entered the professional circles of Elyria, on the basis of attainments and talents at the age of twenty-five William E. Roe has the promise of a brilliant future in the law and as a leader in public affairs. Mr. Roe belongs to a highly respected family which has been identified with Lorain County a number of years, and is of English parentage.

He was born in Amherst, Lorain County, Ohio, May 6, 1890, a son of Samuel and Anna (Bancroft) Roe. His father was born at Kirchkar, England, in September, 1862, and died at Amherst in Lorain County July 29, 1901. His son has apparently inherited many of his substantial qualities of character and ability to win his own way. Samuel Roe came to the United States alone when about twelve years of age, and coming to Elyria in 1874 found employment which finally started him in the stone quarrying business. For a number of years prior to

his death he had been connected with the Gray Canyon Quarry No. 6, at Amherst and had charge of the entire west end as assistant superintendent. At an earlier day he had opened the quarry in Elyria in Cascade Park, went from here to Amherst about 1886, and his home was in that town with the exception of about four years, during which time he was located in Cedar Valley, Iowa, as superintendent of the Buhler Stone Quarry there from 1892 until the year 1895. He returned from Iowa to Amherst and had his home there until his death. He is a very active church worker, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at South Amherst, and is also known in the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Foresters, belonging to Amherst Lodge of the former. His wife was born in Yorkshire, England, was brought to this country when less than a year old by her parents, who settled in Amherst, subsequently lived for a time in Canada, and then returned to Amherst. She was liberally educated, attending the public schools of Amherst and Elyria, where her parents lived for a time, and completed her education in the Oberlin High School at Oberlin. She died at Elyria, November 8, 1912. She was very devout as a Christian and a worker in the churches at Amherst and Elyria. Of the two sons, William is the older, and his brother, Elmer E., is now proprietor of the Amherst Bakery at Amherst.

Growing up in Amherst, William E. Roe attended the public schools there, the high school one year, and was graduated from the Elyria High School with the class of 1909. From there he entered the law department of Western Reserve University, and remained until graduating in June, 1913, with the degree Bachelor of Laws. In the same year he was admitted to the bar by examination and in October opened his office in the Century Building at Elyria. In two years he has made his mark in the profession, and has earned a reputation for solid ability and proficient handling of all business entrusted to him, which assures him a fine future.

He is a member of the Lorain County Bar Association and has recently entered actively into politics, having become a candidate for city solicitor of Elyria. He is a republican, a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Elyria, affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees at Elyria, and is one of the young men who comprise the active membership of the Olympic Club. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Elyria and to the Young Men's Christian Association.

Earl Garfield Jenkins. Every occupation of mankind demands certain special qualities which are applicable to no other in the same degree. That of funeral director in particular calls for a kind and sympathizing heart, refined manners and ready tact in embarrassing situations; for the undertaker touches humanity at its most sensitive point, when the personal feelings are least under control and the individual most in need of outside aid and guidance. One of the prominent representatives of this honorable profession in Lorain County is Earl Garfield Jenkins, of Elyria, whose funeral parlors are situated at No. 335 Second Street.

Mr. Jenkins was born at Morristown, St. Lawrence County, New York, June 30, 1881, three days before the assassination of President Garfield, an event which accounts for his middle name. His parents were Rev. Owen and Delora Ione (Doty) Jenkins, his father a native of South Wales and his mother of Troy, Ashland County, Ohio. Rev. Owen Jenkins came to the United States when twenty years of age in company with a man name Evans, both settling in Oberlin, Ohio.

in 1865. At that time he was unacquainted with the English language, except for a few words which he had picked up from his fellow Welshman on the boat during the passage. But it was not long after his arrival in America before Owen Jenkins had acquired a practical knowledge of the English tongue. He was entered and was graduated from Oberlin College and Seminary, and was ordained to the Congregational ministry December 24, 1876. Previous to his ordination and while attending college he had preached at Grafton in Lorain County, and since that time he followed his calling chiefly in the State of Ohio, though about eight years were spent in other localities, including the State of New York. Reverend Jenkins passed away February 9, 1916, in Cleveland. At one time he lived at Collinwood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, and while there served one term as mayor.

Rev. Owen Jenkins married Delora Ione Doty, who completed her education at Oberlin College. They became the parents of three children: Parry D., also a graduate of Oberlin and now employed by the National Casket Company in the Cleveland branch; Earl Garfield; and Royal J., deceased; the last mentioned died March 2, 1911, in Cleveland. He was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, while his two brothers, Parry and Earl G., were both natives of the State of New York.

Earl Garfield Jenkins acquired his education in public schools at Dover, Collinwood, Chardon and other places where his father was a pastor. He began earning his own way in the paint factory of the Sherwin & Williams Company at Cleveland, in whose employ he remained one year, and then became bookkeeper for J. H. Libby, a cement contractor of Cleveland, in whose service he was for a year. Having determined upon the undertaking business as his profession, he began an apprenticeship with the firm of J. P. Hogan & Company at Cleveland on January 2, 1901, remained with them about three months, spent a season working at Euclid Beach, and then entered another undertaking firm of Cleveland, Black & Wright, with whom he remained two years. After continuing his apprenticeship with Saxton & Son of Cleveland he entered the Huron Road Hospital in Cleveland and studied anatomy. On October 25, 1904, he took the examination before the Ohio State Board of Embalming Examiners and was granted a license to practice his profession. He then became embalmer for J. L. Cross of Warren, Ohio, with whom he remained for a year and a half, subsequently removing to Garretsville, Ohio, to take charge of the undertaking department of H. A. Wadsworth. A little later he moved to Akron, remained there nearly three years in the employ of C. T. Parks as an embalmer. On August 1, 1909, Mr. Jenkins came to Elyria and in the following October became a stockholder in The Wilkins-Hurst Company, with whom he was associated until April 18, 1914. In the following month he engaged in business for himself at his present location, No. 335 Second Street, and has developed an establishment thoroughly modern in every respect, including tasteful and commodious parlors, a complete line of funeral supplies, and he has one of the handsomest auto funeral cars in Northern Ohio.

Mr. Jenkins is a member of the Masonic order, being affiliated with the lodge in Akron, Marshall Chapter of Elyria and Elyria Council; also Elyria Commandery, Knights Templars. Since 1905 he has been a member of the Knights of Pythias of Warren. In politics he is independent, voting for the man rather than for the party. A member of the First Congregational Church of Elyria, he has served one term as deacon, and belongs to the Men's Club of that church. He is a well known member of the Ohio Funeral Directors' Association.

On January 14, 1908, Mr. Jenkins married Miss Mary Alice Cratsley

of Warren, Ohio, daughter of Albert B. and Lottie (Herst) Cratsley. Her father is a retired farmer. Mrs. Jenkins was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, but was educated in Warren, being a graduate of the Warren High School. Her parents removed to Warren when she was a girl of twelve years, and are still residing there. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are the parents of one child, Albert Owen, who was born in Elyria September 22, 1911.

JOHN T. HENDERSON. Modern business requires practical and thorough training in the same degree as the professions and sciences. In the entire State of Ohio there is no institution which affords a better curriculum and practical business education than the Oberlin Business College. This school, since its founding, has trained and graduated hundreds of young men and women, giving them a thorough preparation for entrance into business life. Throughout the United States can be found substantial business men who acknowledge the influence of the Oberlin Business College as an important factor in their early developing career.

The success of this important Lorain County institution can be attributed chiefly to John T. Henderson, now president of the college and an educator of long and varied experience. Mr. Henderson is also one of Oberlin's foremost citizen's and business men and is president of the People's Banking Company. He was born near McConnelsville in Morgan County, Ohio, May 18, 1862, a son of John and Cecelia (Richardson) Henderson. His father was born in Virginia in 1822, a son of William Henderson, also a native of that state, whence he came to Ohio in the early days and located on a farm. Cecelia Richardson was born in Ohio in 1831, a daughter of Thomas Richardson, who was born in that portion of Virginia now West Virginia. John Henderson and wife were married at McConnellsville, Ohio, and they afterwards bought a farm near that town and spent the rest of their days there. He died in 1884, while his widow is still living. Of their nine children eight are living, and Professor Henderson was the fourth in order of age. The parents were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the father was an Odd Fellow and in politics a republican. As a farmer he was successful beyond the average and at the time of his death left an estate of 240 acres.

The boyhood of John T. Henderson was spent on the old farm in Morgan County. He attended the district schools in the winter time, and when quite young his aspirations and ambitions went beyond the horizon of his immediate surroundings. One step in his career was attending Normal School for several summers, and he was also a student in the Baldwin University at Berea, Ohio. For four years he was a teacher in the common schools and then for one year had charge of the commercial branches at Baldwin University. He was also a practical bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Berea.

It was as a student in the old Oberlin Business College that he first became identified with this community in 1884. After doing some special work in penmanship he was employed in September, 1884, as a teacher of general business subjects. Later he increased his associations with the college by buying a half interest, and in 1895 he incorporated the institution under the name of The Oberlin Business College. At that time about half the stock was distributed among other owners, but he has since bought back the greater part and is now practically sole proprietor.

The Oberlin Business College has an enrollment of about three hundred students each year, and on the whole they come to the school mature in years and early training, and for that reason the graduates go out with a superior fitness and equipment for the positions to which they aspire.

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The college has two large buildings and in equipment stands in the front rank. One distinction of the school that should be noted is that it was the first business college in Ohio to be placed on the Accredited List by the State Department of Public Instruction for the training of commercial teachers. The normal department for training commercial teachers is now an important feature of the institution. All these improvements have been brought about during the progressive and enlightened administration of Mr. Henderson. Its growth has been such that in enrollment and in point of instruction and facilities the school is now four times as large as when he took charge. He has under him a staff of seven teachers and the curriculum includes, in addition to the normal department, all practical business courses, and special courses in penmanship. The officers and board of directors at the present time are: J. T. Henderson, president; J. D. Yocom, vice president; C. A. Barnett, J. E. Campbell, Dr. Lyman B. Sperry, G. L. Close, secretary, and Hon. A. R. Webber.

On June 1, 1885, Mr. Henderson married Ada V. Lawrence, who was also born near McConnelsville, Ohio. Of the five children born to them, four are still living: Elmer C., who was graduated from Oberlin College in 1912, spent one year as a teacher in the Chamberlain Military Academy, located at Randolph, New York, and is now employed as a teacher and athletic coach in the Broadway High School at Seattle, Washington. Harold, who was graduated from Oberlin College in 1914, having specialized in political science, and is now connected with the New York Bureau of Municipal Research; Alice E., graduated from Oberlin College in 1915, and is now teaching commercial studies in the Oberlin Business College; Herbert R., who is a junior in the high school and a member of the high school football team.

Mr. Henderson and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he is an independent republican. He has been active in local affairs for a number of years, having served on the school board, as a member of the Board of Health for more than twenty-five years and for a long time was president of the local board of charities.

Conrad A. Horn. For ten years Mr. Horn has been connected with the office of county auditor of Lorain County either as deputy or auditor. His qualifications for the important duties of that position are so definite and well known that he is everywhere recognized as the man for the handling of these responsibilities in the county government. Mr. Horn has a self-made career, and has done well not only for himself but for others, and is one of the most popular men in Lorain County.

Conrad A. Horn was born at Lorain, Lorain County, December 3, 1873, a son of Martin J. and Catherine (Krantz) Horn. His father was born in Huron County, Ohio, and died at Lorain, February 22, 1895. In early life he was a farmer and subsequently was mill foreman for the Lorain Lumber and Manufacturing Company and also identified with the general lumber business. He was a practical mill man, and by trade a sash and door maker. His widow, still living at Lorain, was born in Schenectady, New York, and was brought to Lorain County in infancy. Her father, Conrad Krantz, who died in May, 1915, at the age of eighty-six, was the last survivor of a group of ship builders who a generation ago laid the foundation of Lorain's ship building interests. He was one of the wealthy and prominent men of Lorain County. Martin J. Horn and wife had one son and two daughters: (1) Elnora, a widow living with her mother has two children, Norris and Katherine; (2) Conrad A., subject of this article and (3) Cora, who died in infancy.

Conrad A. Horn had a limited education in the Lorain public schools.

His tastes were early indicated for practical action, and he probably did not attend school up to the full measure of his opportunities. He has been working for his own support since early boyhood and has had a great variety of experiences. For a time he was a Great Lakes sailor, and for two years was a brass molder in the old Brass Works at Lorain. When his father died he became an employe of the lumber company in which the elder Horn had a position, and continued in the office of that firm for eight years. Having realized the need of a better education, he then gave up his business career temporarily in order to complete a course in the Oberlin Business College. Returning to Lorain, he was for a time employed by the Lorain City Waterworks Department, and while in that position was married August 5, 1905, to Miss Jessie E. Stuff of Fredericksburg, Ohio. Mrs. Horn is a daughter of John and Mary Stuff, both now deceased.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Horn entered the county auditor's office as a deputy on December 1, 1905. He rapidly familiarized himself with the details of the office, and continued deputy five years and seven months. He then became a candidate for the office of auditor, and was unopposed for the republican nomination. He was elected in 1912 and re-elected for his second term in 1914.

Mr. Horn and family reside in a beautiful residence at 651 Hamilton Avenue in Lorain, which he built in 1908. This home is on part of the original farm owned by his grandfather Krantz. Mr. and Mrs. Horn have one son, Robert L., who was born in the family residence at Lorain just mentioned.

Mr. Horn takes much interest in fraternal affairs. He is affiliated with the Masonic bodies at Lorain and with Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Lorain, the Knights of Pythias, and other fraternal bodies. Other connections are with the Lorain Chamber of Commerce and with Emanuel's Evangelical Church of Lorain. Mr. Horn is well known in musical circles in Lorain County, has much natural ability in that art, and for the past nineteen years until very recently has been identified with either the Elyria or Lorain bands and is (1916) a member of Al Koran Band of Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the Mystic Shrine. He is also a lover of outdoor sports, and is usually to be found among the spectators at baseball, football, or basketball games.

Rev. James B. Mooney. Among the Catholic clergy in Lorain County, Rev. James B. Mooney has distinguished himself for the earnestness of his labors, for his effective pastorate of St. Mary's Church at Elyria, and for his active support of everything that is wholesome in the life of the community.

A native of Cleveland, Father Mooney was born July 22, 1870, a son of John and Catherine Mooney, both of whom were born in Ireland, came to this country as children, and were married in Cleveland where they are still residents.

As a boy Father Mooney began his education in the Holy Family School (now St. Edward's) at Cleveland, at the age of fourteen entered St. Vincent's College at Beatty, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and three years later became a student in St. Charles College at Ellicott City, Maryland. At the age of nineteen he entered St. Mary's Theological Seminary at Cleveland, and on October 18, 1894, was ordained to the priesthood by Right Reverend Bishop Horstmann at St. Mary's Seminary.

A few days later, on October 31, 1894, he was stationed as assistant to Rev. R. A. Sidley, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, at San-

dusky, Ohio. Two years later he became assistant to the Rev. A. E. Manning, pastor of St. Rose Church at Lima, Ohio, and remained there six years. Then came his first regular pastorate at St. Patrick's Church in Kent, Portage County, Ohio, and two years later he became pastor of St. Mary's at Conneaut, Ohio. On September 20, 1911, the Rt. Rev. John P. Farrelly, Bishop of Cleveland, assigned to the pastorate of St. Mary's Church in Elyria, and he has now been identified with this community as one of its leading churchmen for more than four years.

William H. Klinect. A native son of Lorain County, William H. Klinect at the beginning of his independent career had less than two hundred dollars in cash. He now has a fine farm of 110 acres all paid for, and besides has provided liberally for his growing family which numbers some seven or eight sturdy young men and women. He is the type of man who generally makes a success of anything he undertakes, and his capability in managing his private interests has brought him at different times prominently into the public life of his home township and of the county.

He operates a fine farm and dairy three and a half miles southeast of Grafton on rural route No. 3. William H. Klinect was born in the house where he now lives October 28, 1868, a son of Jacob and Frederica (Wise) Klinect. His father was born in Liverpool Township of Medina County about five miles southeast of the present Klinect farm in Lorain County, and was a son of Michael and Catherine Klinect, both of whom were natives of Germany. Reared on a farm in Medina County, the father afterwards bought considerable land in Grafton Township and in the spring of 1868 he bought the eighty acres included in the present estate of his son William. There he spent his last days and passed away July 5, 1900. He was twice married. By the first union there were two children: Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins, who lives in Eaton Township and is the mother of eight children; and John, who lives in Orange County, Florida, and is married and has eight children. On January 17, 1865, Jacob Klinect married Miss Frederica Wise, who was born in Southern Germany near the French border and when thirteen years of age came to America with her parents Peter and Louise (Mueller) Wise, who settled in Medina County. By this second marriage there were three children: William H., the oldest; Anna, wife of Charles Marsh, living in Elyria, and she has two sons named Orlo and Clarence; and Frederic, who lives in Grafton Township and is married to Bertha Marsh and has three children.

William H. Klinect spent his early youth on the old homestead, and profited by attendance at the local schools. He was well trained for his present vocation under the direction of his father and he not only worked in the fields but also bought stock and learned the butchering business.

On December 12, 1894, he married Miss Lottie Marsh. She was born and reared in Liverpool Township, of Medina County, a daughter of Irvin and Edith (Taylor) Marsh. Her father was also a native of Medina County while her mother was born in Lorain County. Irvin Marsh was a farmer. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Klinect were born ten children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Irvin, who was born September 19, 1895, and completed his education in the little white schoolhouse near the old home; Rosa, born November 21, 1896; Mabel, born August 2, 1898; Lewis, born January 29, 1900; Howard, born January 8, 1902; Lee, born June 7, 1903; Maurice, born December 8, 1907; and Hazel, born March 15, 1910.

After his marriage Mr. Klinect pursued a course of steady indus-

try, thrift and economy, in which he was loyally aided by his wife, and in 1900 he was able to buy the old homestead from his mother. Since then he has created many improvements which have increased the value of his property. In 1907 he bought thirty acres of adjoining land. He erected a fine new barn in 1913 and has also remodeled the old house. With all this fine property to his credit and with his happy family, he can well be said to have accomplished all that an ambitious man can desire.

In politics he is a democrat, and is now a member of the County Executive Committee. He served several terms as township assessor and in 1910 was both assessor and land appraiser. In 1914 Governor Cox appointed him member of the board of complaints and he served as president of the board. In 1910 Mr. Klinect was nominated for the office of county commissioner. His district is normally about 3,500 majority republican, but he lost the election by only 490 votes. He was reared in the Lutheran Church, but his family attend the Methodist Episcopal and he helps to support that denomination.

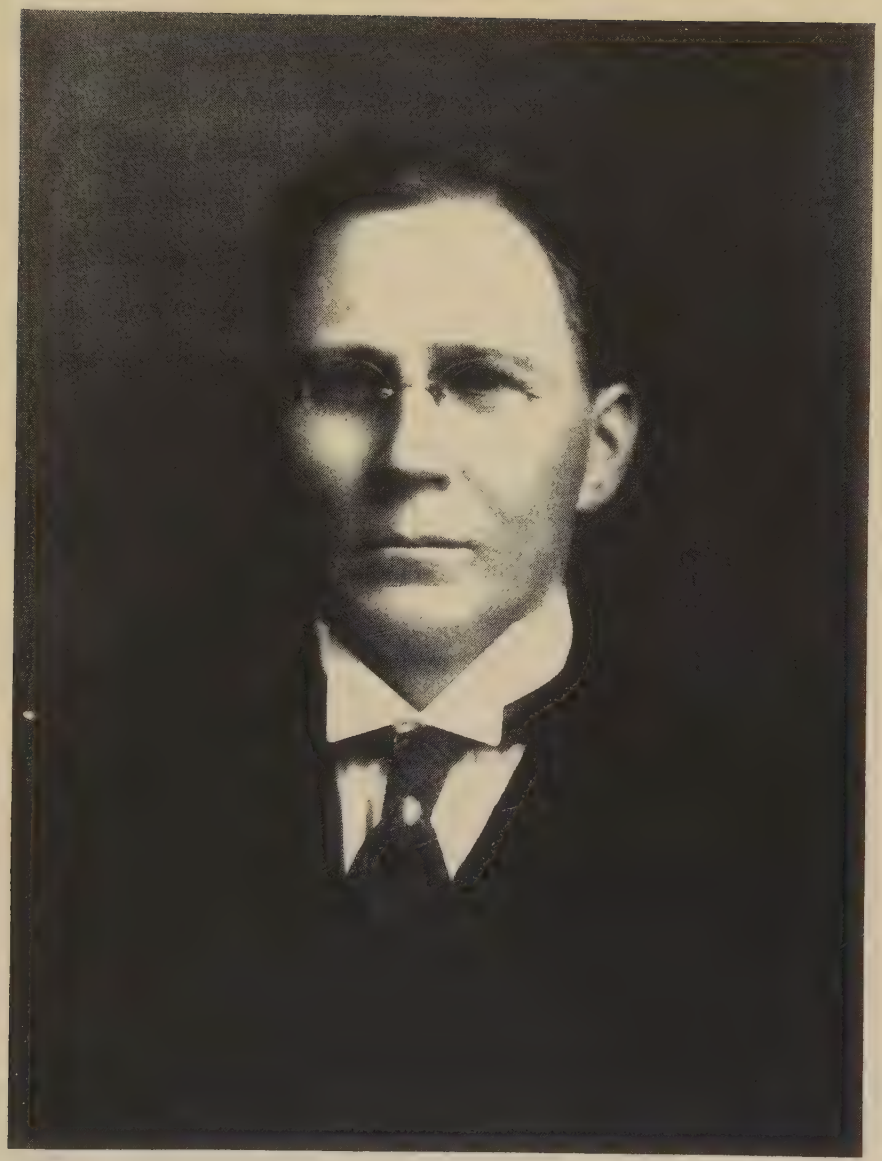
Thomas A. Conway. The active career of Thomas A. Conway has been spent in Henry and Lorain counties, and in both of these localities he has gained a gratifying number of official honors, and his ability as a lawyer and public leader are now generally recognized throughout this section of the state. He gained his education and every successive degree of advancement by hard work, and some twenty-five years ago was a country school teacher in Henry County, using that as a stepping stone to his position in the bar and has now been in active practice for twenty-two years.

Mr. Conway's parents, Patrick and Jane (Callahan) Conway, were born in Ireland, came to this country when young, were married at Cleveland in 1862 and soon afterwards purchased a small farm near Olmsted Falls in Cuyahoga County. While living on that farm and in a humble home, Thomas A. Conway was born on June 19, 1864. In the following spring his parents removed to Wood County, and after living in that county until 1883 they moved to Henry County, where the father died in 1913, aged eighty-seven years, and where the mother now resides.

The healthy environment of the country was Mr. Conway's early source of strength, and he attended the district schools and the Grand Rapids High School in Wood County, and beginning in 1885 was for eight winter terms a teacher. The summer seasons for four of these years, 1886-87-88-89, were spent as a student in the Northern Ohio University at Ada, and thus he perfected his literary education. In the fall of 1890 he began reading law with Judge John V. Cuff of Napoleon, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in October, 1893. His preceptor having been elected probate judge of Henry County, Mr. Conway bought Mr. Cuff's practice and during the next ten years was a lawyer of growing prestige and influence in that county. In 1903 he was elected prosecuting attorney, and held that office from 1904 to 1907.

His home has been in Elyria since September, 1907. In the spring of 1898 he formed a partnership with Harry A. Pounds under the firm name of Conway & Pounds, which continued until Mr. Conway's appointment to the office of probate judge.

Judge Conway has been a prominent factor in democratic politics since coming to Lorain County, and in 1908 his vigorous campaign for election as prosecuting attorney of Lorain County attracted wide attention since he ran more than a thousand votes ahead of his ticket. This



Thomas A. Conway

demonstration of popular esteem led to his name being placed on the democratic ticket as nominee for mayor of Elyria after the death of Thomas Folger, who had been the first democrat to be elected to that office since the Civil war, and who was again nominated for the office in 1909, but died several weeks before the election. About ten days before the election Mr. Conway entered the race, and to the happy surprise of his friends was elected by a margin of twenty votes, though at the same election the republican candidate for city treasurer was elected by 1,400 majority. Mr. Conway gave Elyria a very efficient administration as mayor, beginning January 1, 1910, and serving a term of two years. Since then still further official honors have been given him. Governor Harmon in 1912 appointed him judge of probate of Lorain County to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Judge E. H. Hinman, and he filled that office for eight months from June, 1912 to February, 1913. He was also a member of the charter commission of Elyria, which formulated a new charter for the city but this instrument was rejected by popular vote in 1913. On May 5, 1915, Mr. Conway was appointed referee in bankruptcy, an office he still fills.

Fraternally he has served as grand knight of the Elyria Knights of Columbus, and is now a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He also belongs to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and is always found supporting every movement for a better and greater city. His offices are in the Reddington Building. June 8, 1897, Mr. Conway was married at Ada, Ohio, to Miss Stella J. Owens. She was born at Bluffton, Ohio, daughter of Henry P. and Elizabeth (Alerding) Owens. Mr. and Mrs. Conway have five children, all of whom were born in Napoleon, Ohio, except the youngest, a native of Elyria. Their names are Owen Thomas, Charles Bernard, Esther Elizabeth, Dorothy Estella and Eugene H.

Hon. William G. Sharp. Lorain County has been well honored by the services of its public men in numerous high stations. The most recent distinction of the county in this respect was the appointment by President Wilson in June, 1914, of Hon. William G. Sharp as ambassador to France. Mr. Sharp has spent most of his life in Lorain County, though his activities as a lawyer and business man has led him far afield, so that he is a cosmopolitan in experience and has a wide and thorough knowledge of world politics. Mr. Sharp resigned his place in Congress, where for the third successive term he was representing the Fourteenth Ohio District, in order to accept his present post, which is one of the most important in the diplomatic circles of the world.

Without respect to party the appointment of Mr. Sharp was regarded not only as a high compliment to an Ohio man, but as one completely justified on every consideration because of Mr. Sharp's experience as a lawyer, business man and congressman. The Cleveland Plain Dealer said: "William G. Sharp, nominated to succeed Mr. Herrick, will fill the office in a manner no less acceptable to both nations. Friends of the present member of Congress from the Elyria District will be pleased at the honor which has come to him. Three times in succession the republican fourteenth district has returned Mr. Sharp to the House. In republican as well as democratic weather, the voters have signified their confidence in his character and ability, ignoring party lines and increasing his plurality at each election. Under the last redistricting act Mr. Sharp's home county of Lorain was thrown into a new group and the representative had already announced his disinclination to seek another nomination." Likewise the Toledo Blade referred to the appointment in these words: "It is unlikely that the president

could have filled the place more acceptably, even though he had cared to look elsewhere than in the ranks of those made eligible by the party expediency. Mr. Sharp in addition to being a citizen of soundest character, is a gentleman of those social and financial attainments which particularly fit him for the delicate and yet somewhat rigorous duties of representing the United States in Paris."

At the time of his appointment Mr. Sharp was ranking member on the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, and had become a power in the movement for international peace through his zealous efforts to accomplish this much desired condition. It is noteworthy that the Foreign Relations Committee paid him a compliment by agreeing to a report for his confirmation without referring the appointment to a committee for investigation, as is usual. That was the first appointment to the diplomatic service which had thus been treated during the Wilson administration.

Few men in Ohio have displayed a greater versatility and thoroughness of attainment than the present ambassador to France. He has been known as a lawyer, writer, astronomer and also a power in the industrial world.

Born at Mount Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, March 14, 1859, he is a son of George and Mahala (Graves) Sharp. His mother is still living at Elyria. His paternal ancestors took a prominent part in public affairs of Maryland in the early days, his grandfather, George Sharp, serving as state senator and afterwards holding for many years a conspicuous position in politics and journalism. Ambassador Sharp's father was well educated, came to Ohio about 1830, and was a pioneer newspaper man. The ancestors of Mahala Graves were Connecticut people, some of whom served in the Revolutionary war, and there were men of distinction on both sides.

William Graves Sharp was reared in Elyria, graduated from the high school in 1877 and in 1881 took his degree in law from the University of Michigan. On leaving college he spent some months in the Northwest, in the Dakotas and Minnesota, and was principally employed in newspaper work. In 1882 he began active practice as a lawyer at Elyria, but while successful in the ordinary channels of legal work, he has given most of his attention to industrial development and organization. In 1887 he became the legal adviser to a southern manufacturing corporation, and this indirectly opened the field in which he attained his greatest business success. He effected the organization of a number of large companies manufacturing pig iron and chemicals in Michigan, Wisconsin and Canada. In 1907 he was chiefly instrumental in consolidating the various companies in which he was interested into the Lake Superior Iron & Chemical Company, which soon became the largest concern for the manufacturing of charcoal pig iron in the world, owning numerous furnaces, mines, timber lands and chemical plants in Michigan and Wisconsin. The headquarters of the corporation are now in Detroit. Mr. Sharp's interests also include valuable holdings in real estate in Elyria and Lorain.

In public life Mr. Sharp's advancement has always been against the serious obstacles presented by a normal republican majority. In 1884 he accepted the democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney of Lorain County, and in his election overcame a normal republican majority of 2,500. He declined renomination at the end of three years, and in 1887 was nominated for state senator and though leading his ticket was defeated. In 1892 he was a democratic presidential elector when Mr. Cleveland was elected for his second term. He was also democratic nominee for Congress in 1900, and a delegate to the Demo-

cratic National Convention in 1904. In his election to represent the Ohio Fourteenth District in Congress in 1908 Mr. Sharp, as has been well said, succeeded in making the impossible possible. It was against his individual protest that he was nominated by the democrats in that year though in every respect he was one of the best qualified men in Ohio to represent the state in the halls of the national Legislature. He was elected by a large plurality, and this plurality was increased at each election, both in 1910 and 1912, and in the last year reached the impressive figures of 11,384. Almost from the first he occupied a position of unusual prestige and influence in the House of Representatives, and he was by no means unknown in diplomatic circles and over the country at large when his appointment as French ambassador brought him so prominently into the public eye.

Mr. Sharp was married at Elyria in 1895 to Miss Hallie M. Clough, daughter of Henry H. and Margaret (Barney) Clough. Their five children are Margaret, George, William, Effee Graves and Baxter Sharp. Mr. Sharp is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, Elk, Woodman, and has membership in many clubs both in Ohio and in the East. For several years he served as a member of the Elyria School Board. Among a more limited circle Mr. Sharp is known for his scientific attainments, particularly in the field of astronomy. That science attracted him when a boy, and as means and success came to him he has never relaxed his enthusiasm and is an amateur whose knowledge is unusually thorough and exact. He enjoys the friendship and association of many of the best known astronomers in the world.

August Straus. The commercial history of Oberlin could not be written without frequent reference to the Straus family. The first head of this family in Oberlin is August Straus, who is one of the oldest active merchants.

His cousin was the late Marks Straus, whose enterprise was one of the cornerstones of Oberlin's prosperity. Marks Straus was born in Germany and first came to Oberlin in 1848 as a traveling peddler. He possessed a splendid commercial genius, and when he died he was worth half a million dollars. His wealth and his influence went to the upbuilding of Oberlin in many ways. He founded a dry goods business which for years he conducted under his name and it was the chief trading center of a large surrounding territory. He also owned a large hotel, but subsequently willed the building to Oberlin College. He was generous, broad minded, and was never selfish in his success. He married Miss Bartholomew of Oberlin and had one son, Clayton Straus. Marks Straus died in 1912 and his wife passed away in 1904.

August Straus, who on first coming to Oberlin more than half a century ago, was associated with his cousin Marks in business for some years, was born in Germany in April, 1843, a son of Abraham and Rose (Summerfelt) Straus, who were natives of the same district in the old country. His father was born in 1798 and died in 1870, and the mother was born in 1811 and died about 1868. Abraham Straus was a dealer in horses and cattle in Germany and the parents spent their lives in that country. Of their eight children five are living. August and two of his brothers came to the United States, but August is now the only one living in this country.

He was about seventeen years of age when he came to America and in 1860 entered the employ of his cousin Marks Straus at Oberlin. He remained with him for eight or ten years, and then bought the clothing department, Marks Straus keeping the dry goods store. Since then for a period of more than forty-five years August Straus has conducted

the leading clothing business at Oberlin and has displayed much of the commercial ability which so distinguished the late Marks Straus.

In 1873 he married Sarah Wood of Birmingham, Erie County, Ohio. Their two children are: Bertha E., who married E. M. Cook of Oberlin, who is associated with Mr. Straus in the clothing business, and they have a son named Elton Straus Cook. Claudia S. is the wife of W. P. Carruthers, and they have a son Arthur S. Mrs. Straus died in November, 1912.

Fraternally Mr. Straus is a Royal Arch Mason, and in politics is a democrat. At one time he served as vice president of the Oberlin Bank and was a charter member of the Oberlin Banking Company.

W. P. Carruthers, who is now actively associated with his father-in-law Mr. August Straus in the clothing business at Oberlin, was born in Elyria, Ohio, April 14, 1870, a son of George N. and Mary Elizabeth (Chapin) Carruthers. His father was born in Virginia in 1831 and died in 1911. His mother, also deceased, was born in Amherst, Lorain County, in 1832. Both parents were early students of Oberlin College, and soon after George N. Carruthers graduated in 1858 he married, and then took up his active profession as an educator. He taught for a time in Oberlin College and also in the business college after the war. During the war he served as chaplain of the Fifty-first United States Infantry. Many hundreds of people have grateful memory of the late George N. Carruthers for his splendid work as an educator. He was superintendent of public schools for forty years, part of the time at Elyria and also at Chillicothe and Salem, Ohio. When he retired from actual school management, he bought a farm east of Oberlin, and lived there until his death. The Carruthers farm under his direction became a place of beauty as well as illustrating a profitable and progressive management. He introduced the first silo in this part of Ohio and took a very active part in farmers associations and in other progressive movements. He was an active member of the Second Congregational Church and in politics a republican.

George N. Carruthers and wife were the parents of seven children: Alice, deceased, was the wife of Dr. W. C. Bunce, and at her death left three children, Wilda, Catherine and Marjorie; Mrs. Bunce was a very prominent woman and a leading spirit in the Sorosis Club, the first woman's club in Oberlin. Arthur, deceased, married Bertha Wilcox and left one daughter, Zilpha. Mrs. I. H. Taylor, widow of the former business manager for the Frederick Stearns Company of Detroit. F. I. Carruthers who is a successful newspaper man, for ten years business manager of the Denver Republican and is now with the Denver Post. W. P. Carruthers was the fifth in order of birth. Carleton F. died at the age of eighteen years. Harold G. is connected with the transmission department of the Willys-Overland Automobile Company.

W. P. Carruthers after getting his education was clerk in a jewelry store at Oberlin for eleven years and then for fourteen years conducted a business in that line in Oberlin. Selling out in 1913, he has since been active in Mr. A. Straus' clothing store. In 1900 he married Miss Claudia Straus. They have a son Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Caruthers are members of the Second Congregational Church, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Order and in politics is a republican.

Henry Stolzenburg. Aside from his responsibility and standing as a successful business man at Elyria, the chief characteristics of Henry Stolzenburg are his bigness of heart and breadth of sympathy which have brought him friends from every rank and station of life, and few local citizens have given a better and kindlier service to their fellow humans than this genial and popular resident.

Henry Holzenburg

A native of Germany, he was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, October 13, 1867, a son of Christian and Mary (Ebel) Stolzenburg. His father, who was a carpenter all his active years, brought his family to the United States in 1887 and in the same year located in Elyria. Between him and his son Henry existed more than the usual ties of affection between a father and son, and the latter was especially devoted to his parents, and the father lived in his home until his death on May 8, 1915, having passed his eightieth birthday on June 22, 1914. The mother died at Elyria, April 15, 1893. There were four sons in the family: William, a brief sketch of whose career is found on following pages; Henry; Fred, a resident of Cleveland; and Herman, the youngest, who died in 1908.

Henry Stolzenburg received his early education in the public schools of Germany, and was about eighteen years of age when brought to the United States in company with his parents. After coming to Elyria he showed his readiness to accept every opportunity offered by fortune, and worked in various employments up to 1899, since which year he has been in business for himself. For about three years he was located at Lorain, was in Cleveland for a year, and since then has been in Elyria. Mr. Stolzenburg owns a large amount of valuable city real estate. In 1914 he put up the strictly fireproof three-story building on Broad Street at the corner of Chapel, the first floor of which is occupied by the People's Theater, a moving picture house, while the second and third floors are the club and lodge headquarters of the Loyal Order of Moose. This building is one of the handsome and modern fireproof structures on the main business thoroughfare of Elyria and is distinctly a credit to the city. Mr. Stolzenburg owns other business property on Broad Street, and has constructed several residences which he rents.

Though long identified with the republican party he has never sought any official position for himself. He is a member of the Elyria Automobile Club, is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose, with Huron Tribe No. 200 of the Improved Order of Red Men, and with Elyria Aerie No. 431 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He also is a member of three local German societies, and was reared in the faith of the German Lutheran Church.

On May 25, 1888, Mr. Stolzenburg married Miss Hulda Hyman of Lorain, daughter of Peter and Anna Hyman of that city. Mrs. Hyman is now living in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stolzenburg. Mr. Hyman died at New Philadelphia, Ohio, in 1900. Mrs. Stolzenburg is a native of Switzerland, was about two years of age when she came to the United States with her parents, and grew up and received her education at Lorain. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Stolzenburg were born six children, and three sons and one daughter are living: Anna, now Mrs. R. P. Meyers of Elyria; Louis A.; Edward W. and Henry Jr. Herman died aged two and one-half years, and Minnie died at the age of four and one-half years. The daughter Anna was born in Lorain but the rest claim Elyria as their birthplace, and besides their education in the local schools they attended the Oberlin Business College. Mr. Stolzenburg among other business interests is a stockholder in the Lorain County Banking Company at Elyria. He finds his chief recreation in automobiling.

George H. Hadaway. In the business history of Elyria, an enterprise that is notable in that it furnishes an example of the energy and progressiveness that have built up this thriving community is the firm of Hadaway Brothers. Founded in 1902 in a modest way, this venture has grown and developed steadily until today it is the largest livery

and storage business in Lorain County, handling a volume of patronage that is not exceeded by a firm in any city in the state of the size of Elyria. George H. Hadaway, the senior member of this company, had his earliest experience as a business man in the livery business. When he returned to this line after ten years in a different field, he began the development of the large livery, feed and sale stable which the concern now owns, and soon added automobiles to his equipment, a department which is now a very important part of the business.

Mr. Hadaway was born at Elyria, December 12, 1869, and is a son of Charles and Margaret (Mayers) Hadaway. His father, born near London, England, came to the United States when about nineteen years of age, locating at Elyria, where he was married, his wife being a native of Ireland. Charles Hadaway was forty-eight years of age at the time of his death, having been a resident of Elyria for more than twenty-eight years, during seventeen years of which time he worked for the late T. W. London on that gentleman's stock farm near Elyria. Mrs. Hadaway still survives her husband. There were eight children in the family: one who died in infancy; Mrs. Kate Bath, deceased, who left two sons, now grown,—Alfred and Charles; George H.; Eliza, who is the wife of Alfred Myers, of Cleveland; Charles, of Elyria; Louis, who is engaged in business with his brother, George H., and whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Fred, of Elyria; and a daughter who is the wife of Walter Johns, of Cleveland. All the children were born at Elyria and here educated in the public schools.

When still a lad, George H. Hadaway received his introduction to the livery business with H. M. Andress, who conducted an establishment here for some years, but later became identified with railroading as a conductor on the C. L. & W. Railway, now a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio. Mr. Hadaway continued to be thus engaged for ten years, in which time he accumulated some small capital, with which he engaged in business with his brother Louis, under the firm style of Hadaway Brothers. They bought out George Bivins, locating in the livery which was located on the present site of the American Theatre, on Broad Street, but after three years found their business grown to such proportions that larger quarters were needed, and accordingly, in 1905, erected the present large storage building and livery, at No. 607 West Broad Street, the largest structure of its kind in Lorain County. Here they keep seventy head of horses, operate a hack and transfer line, do all kinds of heavy teaming and maintain an up-to-date and efficient moving service. They have also ten automobiles and automobile trucks, while a taxicab service, operated under the name of the Hadaway Taxi Company, makes a specialty of weddings, touring parties, etc.

Mr. Hadaway is a republican and has taken some active part in politics, although not as a seeker for preferment at the hands of his party. He is a director in the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and has shown a keen interest in agricultural development, being at this time vice president of the Lorain County Agricultural Society. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Elyria Lodge No. 431, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Hadaway was married April 13, 1900, at Beach City, Ohio, to Miss Beulah E. Raff, who was born at Beach City and is a graduate of the Beach City High School. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Raff are old settlers of that place, where Mr. Raff is engaged in the clothing business. Mr. and Mrs. Hadaway are the parents of two children: Vivian and Ruth, both born at Elyria.

ZAVALAH R. PARSONS. It is consistent with the eminent fitness of things that a member of the Parsons family should now be holding the office of county commissioner of Lorain County. Zavalah R. Parsons is one of the most esteemed citizens of this county, represents one of its older families, and has made his own career conform to the best ideals of citizenship and private character.

Born on his father's farm in LaGrange Township of this county May 19, 1853, Zavalah R. Parsons is a son of Ralzaman and Esther Biantha (Nobles) Parsons. His parents were among the early settlers of LaGrange Township. There were four children in the family, one son and three daughters, the son being the oldest: Justitia A. is now Mrs. A. E. McCaskey of Chicago, Illinois; Velette is Mrs. H. C. Schultz of Des Moines, Iowa; and Nettie C., who married Benjamin E. Eston, died in North Attleboro, Massachusetts, in 1907 and is buried in LaGrange Township. All the children were born in LaGrange Township, attended schools there and at Oberlin, and the oldest daughter graduated from Oberlin College, while the second attended the Conservatory of Music in Oberlin College and later taught music for several years. The daughter Nettie attended the Union School of Oberlin.

Zavalah R. Parsons grew up in a rural environment and belonged to a family which well appreciated the necessity for education as well as moral training. He attended the district schools in LaGrange Township, also a select school, and was a student in the preparatory department of Oberlin College when his scholastic career was unfortunately terminated. At the age of nineteen he suffered a severe attack of the measles, and the permanent effects of the disease weakened his eyesight so that he was unable to continue at his books and his eyesight has never since been normal. The measles was quite an epidemic at Oberlin about that time, and there were about 2,000 cases in the town.

His education thus having been interrupted Mr. Parsons returned to the old farm and took an important share in its management. On December 31, 1873, when in his twenty-first year he was married at Oberlin to Miss Mary E. Blanchard, daughter of Darwin E. and Lucinda L. (Obits) Blanchard. After his marriage Mr. Parsons continued running the old homestead, since his father had moved into Oberlin. The farm at that time contained 170 acres, and at one time Mr. Parsons and his father together owned 260 acres, but these possessions have since been reduced until his present homestead comprises 105 acres, an excellent farm, with fine improvements and is a valuable and productive property. The old homestead had been bought by his father eighty years ago when the family came to Lorain County.

Mr. Parsons continued to give his active supervision to his farming interests until the death of his wife on June 27, 1906. Since then he has rented his farm and has lived part of his time at his home in Elyria and part of the time in the country. He has given much time to public affairs, served as trustee and township assessor a number of terms in LaGrange, and has long been a figure in the republican party in the county. Eight years ago he began his duties as county commissioner, having been elected to the office in the fall of 1905 and assuming its duties in the fall of 1906. He remained in office five years was then out two years, and in the fall of 1912 was again elected, his term beginning in the fall of 1913 and terminating in September, 1915. No member of the board has given a more conscientious and capable administration than Mr. Parsons.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Grafton, with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias at LaGrange, with Elyria Lodge No. 456, Benevo-

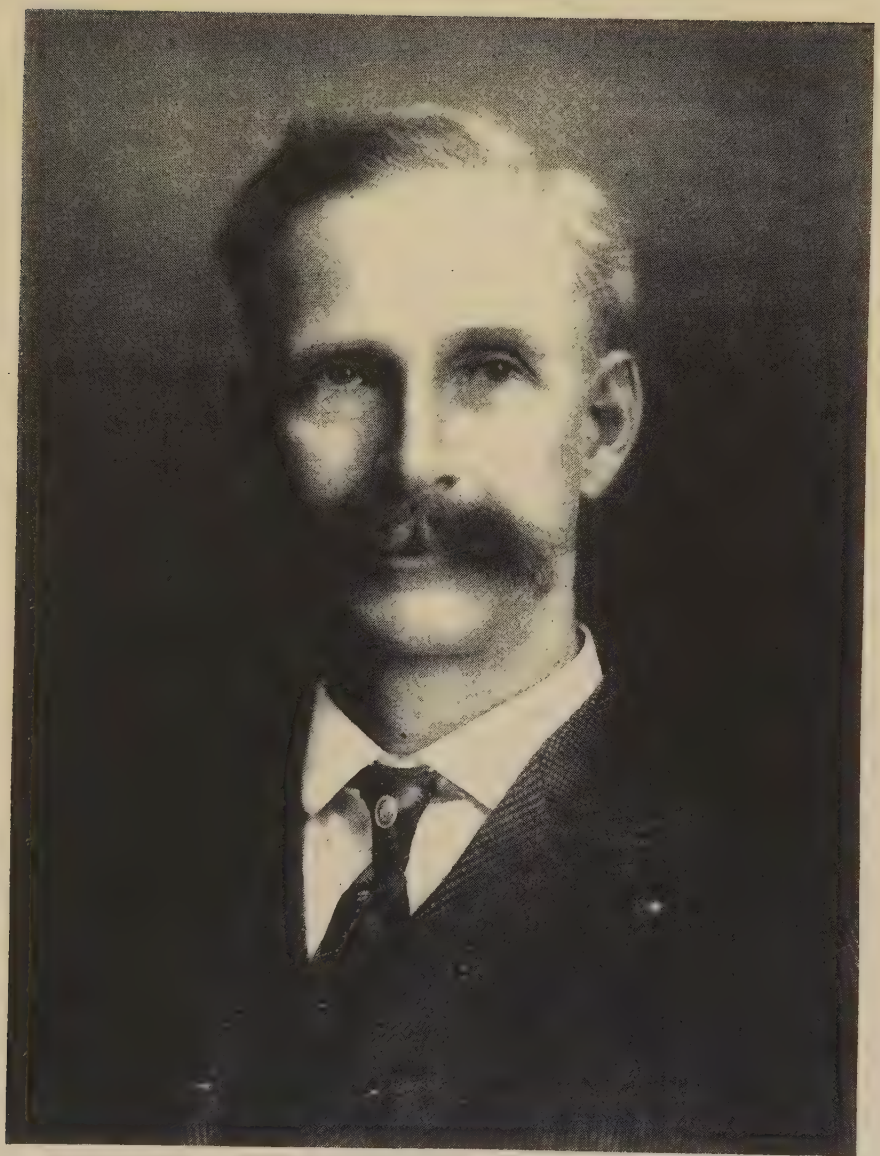
lent and Protective Order of Elks, and is an active member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. He is a working member of the Second Congregational Church of Elyria and helps supports two churches in LaGrange Township. He and his wife had only one daughter, Grace J., who was born on the old farm in LaGrange Township December 10, 1879, and died there September 11, 1880, at the age of nine months. Mrs. Parsons died suddenly of apoplexy. They were greatly devoted to each other, and her death was the most severe bereavement which he has been called upon to suffer, and with home ties broken and with his love of home and children unsatisfied, he has found the cares of public office a grateful diversion from his own personal bereavement and has exercised his big hearted nature in performing many kindly services for others.

Carey T. Winckles. One of the flourishing business concerns of Elyria is the Elyria Construction Company, which is the outgrowth of the individual enterprise of Carey T. Winckles in general construction work. The construction company was incorporated March 16, 1912, with Mr. Winckles as president, treasurer and general manager. The offices of the company are in the Elyria Block. Mr. Winckles had for some years prior to that time been engaged in road building and paving construction, and has a notable record to his credit in the construction of many miles of high grade highways and city streets throughout Lorain County. The company has an organization and ample facilities for almost unlimited work in excavating, grading, paving, road building, sewer construction, and other contracts of that nature.

While this business has naturally brought Mr. Winckles into special notice among Lorain County business men he is primarily a farmer and dairyman. He now owns and resides upon a fine farm of 187 acres at North Ridgeville, the old homestead where he was born May 23, 1869. His parents are Thomas T. and Lucy (Hurst) Winckles, both of whom are now living in Elyria retired. His father for a number of years operated the old home farm in Ridgeville, but about 1884 moved to Elyria. He served as a trustee of the township and held various other offices there, and both he and his wife were especially active in the Congregational Church at Ridgeville, and from their home in Elyria they still drive out almost every Sunday to attend worship in their old home church. Thomas Winckles has been a deacon in the church for a great many years. This is one of the older families of Lorain County, and Thomas Winckles was born in Avon Township. His wife was born in Dover Township in Cuyahoga County. A brief record of their four children is: Lillian, now Mrs. William Barnes of Cleveland; Lena, who died at the age of eighteen; Carey T. and Harvey T. of Elyria. All the children were born on the old homestead in Ridgeville and attended public school there and in Elyria.

The old farm on which Mr. Winckles was born is known as the Meadow View Dairy Farm, and he has made it one of the finest of the farms in Lorain County. He keeps a herd of high grade cows, about sixty in number, and sends his milk products daily to Cleveland by the electric lines. It was in 1908 that Mr. Winckles took up the business of road building and paving contracting, and now divides his attention between the business of the Elyria Construction Company and his dairy farm. Mr. Winckles is also president of the Farm Implement Company of Elyria.

He is actively identified with local organizations, being a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and a member and director of the Elyria Automobile Club, and fraternally he is identified with the Knights



C. F. Hinckles

of the Maccabees at North Ridgeville. He was married in Hudson, Michigan, to Miss Grace V. Hollister, who was born and educated there. Her father, John H. Hollister, is now living in Hillsdale, Michigan, and her mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Olds, died several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Winckles have a daughter, Ruth E., who is now attending the high school at Elyria.

Fred E. Denn. An enterprising and progressive citizen of Elyria Township, this county, is Fred E. Denn, who lives at Stop 93, Oberlin Line, where he is engaged in truck gardening, in addition to which he is rural mail carrier for this section. He is a man of keen intelligence and he gives a loyal support to all matters tending to improve local conditions.

A native of the fine old Wolverine State, Fred E. Denn was born at Tecumseh, Michigan, August 12, 1874, and he is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Dueree) Denn, the former of whom was born just south of Oberlin, Ohio, and the latter at Geneseo, New York. Frederick Denn left home in 1870, at the age of nineteen years, and entered a veterinary college, in which he was subsequently graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. He entered upon the active practice of his profession at Tecumseh, Michigan, and continued to reside in that city until 1880, when he began to travel in order to improve his health. He had contracted consumption and that dread disease ended in his demise three years later, at which time he was living in Grafton, Ohio. He was but thirty-two years of age when death called him but his kindly disposition had made an indelible impression on those who knew him and his memory will ever be green in the hearts of his friends. Mrs. Denn survives her husband and is now a resident of Elyria Township, where she is beloved by all who know her. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Denn, namely: Charles Henry, engaged in the electrical business and accidentally killed by an electric shock in 1901; and Fred Ernest, the subject of this review.

Fred E. Denn was bereft of his father at the tender age of nine years. He completed the prescribed course in the common schools of Elyria Township and for a time attended the high school at Elyria. On leaving school he entered the service of the United States Express Company and for the ensuing thirteen years was driver of their only wagon in this section. Later he became agent for this company at South Lorain, remaining there for one year, at the expiration of which he was train messenger for the same concern for two years. In 1903 he was appointed rural mail carrier on Route No. 3 and he has continued to fill this position with the utmost efficiency to the present time, in 1915. On his plot of sixty-five acres Mr. Denn is most successfully engaged in dairying and general farming, finding a good market for his produce in Elyria.

June 15, 1898, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Denn to Miss Anna F. Arndt, a daughter of Charles and Fredericka (Schultz) Arndt, residents of Amherst, where Mr. Arndt was for many years engaged in the stone quarry industry. Mr. and Mrs. Denn have two children, both boys: Charley Ernest, born May 25, 1899, is a junior in the Elyria High School; and Clarence Albert, born November 11, 1901, is a pupil in the graded schools.

In politics Mr. Denn is a stalwart republican and in a fraternal way he is a valued and appreciative member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Denn is a devout member of the Lutheran Church at Elyria and she takes an active part in both its religious and social work. Mr. and Mrs. Denn are

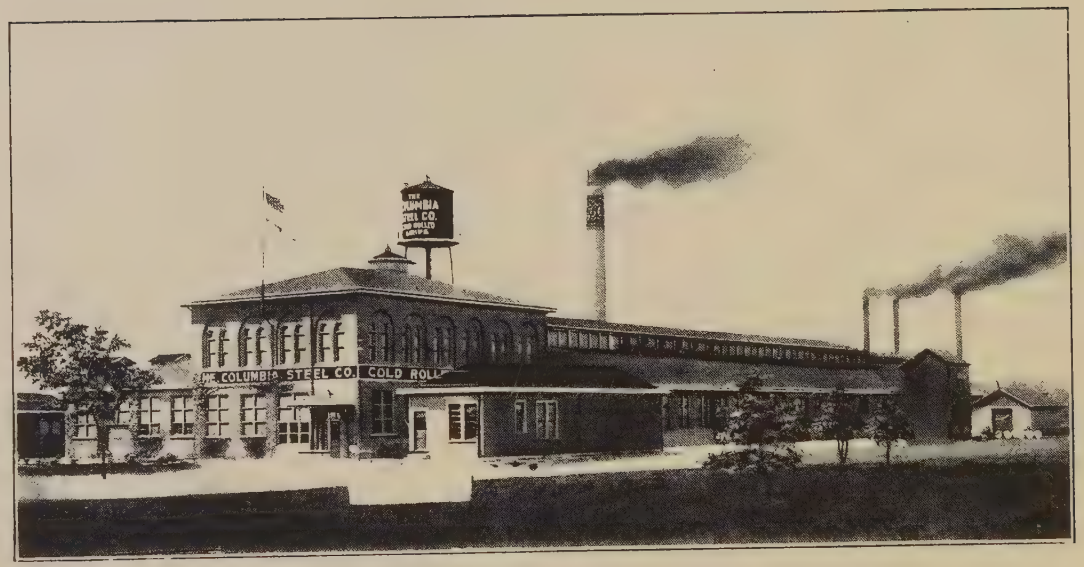
popular with their neighbors and they are looked upon as substantial and progressive citizens.

Dewitt Eldred. An evidence of thrift and industry exists in the cozy and comfortable residence of Dewitt Eldred, located in Elyria Township, in the midst of a fertile tract of land which has within its borders sufficient gardening and other interests to beguile the comparative leisure of this erstwhile general farmer and stock raiser.

Mr. Eldred was born in 1840 in Elyria Township, Ohio, a son of Noah and Mary Minerva (Murray) Eldred. His paternal grandfather was Moses Eldred, who came from Rome, New York, to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, settling on a farm west of Rocky River. He served in the War of 1812, following which he settled on what was known as the Shore Road, but later, finding that this was not to be the main thoroughfare, moved to a location on the Center Ridge Road, 2½ miles east of Elyria, in Lorain County. There he built a log tavern and later a frame house, which, substantially built of heavy timbers, is still standing as a landmark of pioneer times. He continued to conduct the tavern until his wife's death, when he gave up the business, and from that time until his death, at the age of eighty-three years, made his home successively with his several children.

Noah Eldred, his son and the father of Dewitt Eldred, was born at Rome, New York, in 1798, and accompanied his parents to Ohio at the age of ten years. He was eighteen years of age when he engaged in farming on his own account, purchasing a property on Murray Ridge Road, in the western part of Elyria Township, and there accumulated 105 acres of good land. His health failing he sold a part of his land, retaining but fifty-five acres, but lived to the age of eighty-three years, dying in 1881. He was three times married, his first wife being Betsey Murray, who was an aunt of his second wife, Mary Minerva Murray. By his first union he had one son, Albert, who grew to manhood and died about 1909. The mother died about six months after his birth, and Mr. Eldred was again married, there being six children in this family: Charley and Betsy, deceased; Dewitt; one who died in infancy; Newton, and Mary. After the death of his second wife Mr. Eldred was married a third time, being united with Harmony Redington, of Amherst Township, Lorain County. There were two children born to them: Frank, deceased, whose widow is living on the old farm in Elyria Township; and Martha, who resides at Elyria.

Dewitt Eldred was reared on the family homestead and remained at home until attaining his majority, when, in 1861, he enlisted in Colonel Barnatt's regiment of light artillery, with which he served three years, receiving his honorable discharge in 1864. During his service he received a severe injury to his back, and this has troubled him more or less all of his life, although, at the age of seventy-five years, he is still erect, with a good carriage, and appearance of one many years younger. His military career ended, he secured employment with the Lake Shore Railroad, on the section between Cleveland and Erie, but after five years was compelled to resign as his injury troubled him severely, and his next employment was in the handling of a stationary engine at Cleveland, a calling which he followed for five years. Mr. Eldred then turned his attention to farming pursuits in Dover Township, Cuyahoga County, where he resided until 1890, and in that year practically retired from farm work. He has resided on his present place on Murray Ridge Road, Elyria Township for two years, this being a part of the old homestead, where he has a small but comfortable residence, with a handsome garden. Mr. Eldred has been industrious, honest and thrifty and is



THE COLUMBIA STEEL COMPANY

richly entitled to the exemption from care which attends his later years.

On September 17, 1865, Mr. Eldred was married to Miss Mary Crawl, a native of Cleveland, whose father came from Pennsylvania. Her mother died when she was a small child and her father two years later. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eldred: Edwin, Burton, Arthur, Claud, Melville and Scott, all living with the possible exception of the last-named, who left home when sixteen years of age, and has not since been heard from directly.

THE COLUMBIA STEEL COMPANY. Perhaps no local industry at Elyria has had a more satisfactory record since it was established some thirteen years ago than The Columbia Steel Company. Moved to Elyria in 1903, from small beginnings it has developed into a business that now supplies material not only to all parts of America but to foreign countries as well. Its product is known technically as cold rolled strip steel, largely employed in the manufacture of stamped, drawn and formed parts used in automobile equipment, typewriters, sewing machines, light hardware, and many other lines. The company specializes in the finer grades of this material, as for the most part the strips and sheets it makes are electroplated in the finished article.

It was through the efforts of Arthur L. Garford, who was at the time general manager of the Federal Manufacturing Company, that what is now The Columbia Steel Company was removed from Chicago and re-established at Elyria under the present corporate name. At that time the plant was laid out on a generous scale, with a view to the requirements of a growing business. In 1905 The Federal Manufacturing Company was liquidated, and The Columbia Steel Company plant then came into the possession of The Pope Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Connecticut. At the same time Mr. Garford retired to look after his other extensive affairs. In May, 1905, the present manager, Mr. Charles E. Lozier, was installed by the Pope interests as general manager of the plant, and he still retains that position.

It was the growth of the automobile industry which most favorably affected and brought about the rapid progress and prosperity of The Columbia Steel Company. Its products were used for many of the most important parts in automobile construction, though the output by no means goes exclusively to automobile factories. During the brief financial panic of 1907-08, The Pope Manufacturing Company failed, and within less than a year the control of The Columbia Steel Company passed into the hands of a Chicago syndicate whose successors are largely included in the present official roster as follows: C. D. Smith, president; W. L. Smith, treasurer; E. J. Scott, secretary; C. E. Lozier, vice president and manager.

Probably nowhere in the country is a factory so well equipped for producing cold rolled strips and sheets of steel in accurate gauges and of excellent quality. Special attention is paid to the matter of finish, and in consequence the Columbia product can be electro-plated without expensive pre-treatment, and for this reason the company enjoys the patronage of a wide circle of buyers who have grown to be fast friends of this Elyria industry. While a very large proportion of the company's products is of basic open-hearth quality suited to deep drawing operations, the Columbia people sell also a considerable tonnage of high carbon and alloy strips, used in certain lines of manufacture. While The Columbia Company can be considered somewhat of a "specialty concern," its output is of such staple character, that the mill operates the entire year through and furnishes steady employment to about two

hundred and fifty men, constituting a most valuable asset to the general prosperity of the city. The warehouses of the company contain a great tonnage of semi-finished strips in the form of hoops, bars and bands, so that most orders can be promptly filled, and often with greater expedition than by some of the larger competitors of this local industry. Wherever cold-rolled strips are in demand, the reputation of Columbia steel is that of the first rank in quality. The company has facilities for strips ranging in width from 5/16 inch to 20 inches, and in the matter of unusual widths it has practically no competition. The plant is most eligibly located at the junction of the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, and no industry at Elyria has better shipping facilities.

W. G. Nichols, besides representing one of the oldest families of LaGrange Township, has made his own career count effectually for improvement and progress in that section and there is no resident there who shows greater capability in the management of the soil and his livestock, and who enjoys more esteem among his neighbors.

The founder of the family in Lorain County was grandfather James Nichols, who was born in Rhode Island in 1800, and in 1836 brought his family West and settled in LaGrange Township. His tract of land was completely covered by a heavy growth of timber, and he literally cut a farm out of the woods. The Nichols family in America dates from the time, in early colonial days, when three brothers named James, Coe and John left England and settled on Rhode Island.

Cyrus Nichols, father of W. G. Nichols, was born at Champion in Jefferson County, New York, in 1823, and was thirteen years old when he came to Lorain County. He was well educated, always kept himself well informed, and having a retentive memory was a recognized authority on all matters of local history and carried in his mind a great fund of general knowledge as well. In his generation he stood among Lorain County's most successful farmers. He is given credit as being the first to use commercial fertilizer in growing his crops. He was an active member of the Baptist Church, and took much interest in school affairs, serving as a director. Politically he was a republican. Cyrus Nichols was twice married, his wives being half-sisters. His second wife was Bessie S. Pearce, who was born in Pittsfield Township of Lorain County March 26, 1841, a daughter of Daniel Pearce, who was born in Herkimer County, New York, and became one of the early settlers of Pittsfield Township. Cyrus Nichols died October 19, 1891, while his wife passed away December 29, 1887. Of their five children the four now living are: W. G.; George H., who is a farmer in LaGrange Township; Nora, wife of John Miller, a baker at Lansing, Michigan; and Mrs. Lizzie Edmonds, wife of a farmer at Oberlin.

W. G. Nichols acquired his early training in the public schools of LaGrange Township, and for fifteen years he alternated between the duties of the schoolroom as a teacher and his farm as a practical agriculturist. He bought a farm in Penfield Township, on which he lived four years, and since 1899 has had his home in LaGrange Township, where he owns a well improved and well stocked place of ninety acres. When he bought the land it had no improvements, and its present condition is ascribable entirely to his own work and management. Much of his time has been devoted to dairying.

In 1891 Mr. Nichols married Lillie Walkden, who was born in Columbia Township of Lorain County, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Walkden. Her parents were born in England, and came to Lorain County when young people. Her father died in Columbia Township

and her mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols had two children, but Andrew, their son, died March 23, 1916, aged twenty-three years. He was his father's right hand helper on the farm. The daughter Alice is now attending high school. Mrs. Nichols is a member of the Baptist Church. Not only in the management of his own interests as a farmer but also in the broader movements of community life and rural improvement, Mr. Nichols has accepted every opportunity for useful service. For six years he was a master of the Grange in Penfield Township and has also served as master of the County Pomona. He has filled some minor township offices and was a member of the board of education twelve years. In politics he is republican.

Perkins Kirkland Clark. One of the most picturesque country homes in Lorain County is Clarkhurst, in Carlisle Township, four miles south of the City of Elyria and located on the Diagonal Pike and also on the Elyria and LaGrange Road. This place exhibits the care and management of Mr. P. K. Clark, who has been its proprietor for upwards of half a century. Few men in the county have been so successful in directing farm enterprise.

While the Clark family has been identified with Lorain County since early times, the ancestral line in America extends back to the early half of the seventeenth century, when the Puritans came out of England and established the first settlement along Massachusetts Bay. Mr. Clark's lineage goes directly back to one William Clark, who came to America in 1630, about a year after the first colony of the Massachusetts Bay Company was established and located at first at Dorchester, Massachusetts, but subsequently joined that numerous body of dissenters who established Windsor on the Connecticut River in the state of that name. Still later he moved back to Massachusetts and died at Northampton July 18, 1670, when about ninety years of age.

William Clark, son of the immigrant, was married to Hannah Strong. They had eleven children, some of whom subsequently returned to Connecticut. Of these eleven children three lived to be above the age of ninety, one attaining the age of ninety-nine, four passed the fourscore mark, and three of the others were past seventy when they died. The sons without an exception lived beyond the age of fifty, and all of them had wives and buried them, but none of them ever took a second wife. On April 7, 1789, at the death of the youngest of these sons, Josiah, the six sons enumerated their descendants as 1,158 in number, of whom 925 were alive at that time.

One of the sons of William and Hannah Clark was John Clark, who was married March 16, 1679, to Mary Strong. Of their children Josiah was born June 11, 1697, and died April 7, 1798. Their son Enoch Clark was married June 16, 1763, to Mercy Kingsley, and they were the great-grandparents of Perkins K. Clark of Lorain County.

The latter's grandfather, Enoch Clark, was born March 15, 1777, at Northampton, Massachusetts, and was married December 6, 1801. He died March 31, 1831, probably in Massachusetts. The maiden name of his wife was Abigail Kirkland.

Lorenzo Clark, father of Mr. P. K. Clark, was born at Westfield, Massachusetts, February 6, 1814. He married Charlotte A. Blanchard. Lorenzo Clark was still a young man when he came to Lorain County. He possessed a fair common school education and had learned the trade of cabinet making and followed that line in Elyria for several years and also conducted the first regular furniture store in the town. His marriage was celebrated at Penfield, Lorain County. There were just two children, and the sister is Mrs. Charlotte A. Jones, whose home is now at Orlando, Florida.

Perkins Kirkland Clark was born in the City of Elyria, April 4, 1843. Four weeks after his birth his mother became an invalid and remained so for seven years. During that time Mr. Clark lived with his maternal grandmother and then returned home. His parents about that time moved to the farm which Lorenzo Clark had bought in Carlisle Township, and on that old homestead Mr. Clark grew to manhood. For some eight or nine terms he attended school at Oberlin.

When he was twenty-four years of age his father bought 157 acres in Carlisle Township, and this was the nucleus of Mr. Clark's large landed possessions in that section of Lorain County and of his beautiful rural estate known as Clarkhurst. His own industry and good management have been important factors in his success, and with what he received from his father he has since brought his possessions to about 700 acres.

As early as 1885 some of his tenants while digging for water struck gas on his land, but no practical use was made of this discovery until 1903, when Mr. Clark drilled a gas well and he has since utilized the product of his own wells for the heating and lighting of his home. Though reared a republican and always a stanch upholder of republican doctrines, Mr. Clark has never been an office seeker, and his only important position has been as township clerk.

His first wife died some years ago without children. On February 11, 1902, he married Miss Julia A. Loomis of Cleveland, a daughter of Milton and Ellen (Foley) Loomis. Mrs. Clark was born in Grafton, Ohio, and finished her education in the high school at Elyria.

Charles A. Jones. There are turning points in every man's life called opportunity. Taken advantage of they mean ultimate success. The career of Charles A. Jones is a striking illustration of the latter statement. Diligent and ever alert for his chance of advancement, he has progressed steadily until he is recognized today as one of the foremost business men of Elyria. Here he is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens who honor him for his native ability and for his fair and straightforward career. He is a prominent contractor and builder and has constructed more residences and business blocks in this county than any other man.

A native of East Cleveland, Ohio, Charles A. Jones was born September 23, 1849. He is a son of John L. and Honor (Livingston) Jones, both of whom were born and reared in New York State, where was celebrated their marriage and whence they removed to Lorain County, Ohio, in 1856. The mother was descended from the Livingstons of Livingston, New York, and her uncle, Robert Livingston, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. John L. Jones grew up in the Empire State and as a youth learned the trade of tinner. In April, 1856, he and his wife settled in Avon Township, this county, about one mile distant from Lake Erie. For a time they resided in what is now Cleveland and there he did considerable work as a gardener. He was a private in the War of 1812, having enlisted in a New York regiment, and he participated in the battle of Sacketts Harbor. He passed to eternal rest at Avon and the mother died in Cleveland; both are interred in a Cleveland cemetery. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones and of the number all reached maturity except Joshua, who died at the age of three years. Following are brief data concerning the children: Elizabeth was killed by accident in the Hoyt Paper Mill at Cleveland in 1849; Mary became the wife of Rollin C. Mott, and she died in Cleveland; Jane, wife of Jesse Nichols, is deceased; Clara is the widow of Henry Till and lives in Denver, Colorado; John L.,

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Jr., died in Virginia: Lucy is the wife of Perry Saxon, of Mayfield Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; Louise is the widow of Frederick Padley, of Avon Township, this county; Lydia Ann was the wife of DeForest Ruple at the time of her demise, at which time she resided in Dover, Ohio; Charles A. was next in order of birth; Alfred H. died in East Cleveland; and Joshua died at the age of three years, as noted above. Of the foregoing the six eldest were born in New York State, the next four in East Cleveland and the youngest in Lorain County. John L., Jr., gave valiant service as a soldier in the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry during practically the entire period of the Civil war and he was wounded in the battle of Stone River.

Charles A. Jones attended the district schools in East Cleveland and in Avon until he had reached his ninth year. In 1860, aged eleven years, he left home and became cook on a scow on the Great Lakes. Subsequently he became cook on larger vessels and he was recognized as an able-bodied seaman at the tender age of fourteen years, at which time he received a grown man's pay. He was a seaman and ship carpenter for the ensuing ten years and one of his trips during that time was a whaling voyage in the Arctic Ocean. He was second mate on a steam boat that ran from Cleveland through the canal to Chicago when he was seventeen years old and just previous to that time he made trips to Liverpool and to the Mediterranean Sea as an orderly seaman. For a couple years prior to the panic of 1872 he worked as ship carpenter and he is the only man in Lorain County who can build a boat of wood from start to finish. He quit sailing in 1872 and after the panic devoted his attention to building houses. He came to Elyria in the following year and holds the reputation of having built more residences in Lorain County than any other contractor in this section of the state. He has also constructed many homes and business buildings in Cleveland, having as many as twenty houses in process of construction at one time. He built the Sharp Block on Broad Street in Elyria and also built a block on Cheapside. He owns four houses in this city and his own residence is one of the finest buildings in town. For fifteen years he was construction foreman for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company and during that period built water tanks, round houses, depots, freight houses, coal shutes and other buildings in Buffalo, Toledo and Elyria.

In Sandusky, Ohio, December 27, 1873, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Jones to Miss Letitia Padley, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, whence she accompanied her parents to America at the age of six months. She is a daughter of John and Letitia (Hill) Padley, who settled at Sheffield, Lorain County, in 1856. For six months prior to coming to this section Mr. and Mrs. Padley lived at Dover, Cuyahoga County; they passed to eternal rest in Sheffield Township. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have four children, as follows: Livingston A., of Elyria, is a carpenter and is associated with is father in business; Charles R. is a mechanical engineer at Mount Wilson, California; Owen J. died at the age of eleven years in Elyria; and Letitia M. is the wife of Arthur H. Pfaff, a piano player of much talent, who played the piano in the U. B. Clark store in Lorain for five years and who is now a bookkeeper for the National Tube Company at South Lorain. The Jones children were all born and educated in Elyria, Livingston and Letitia both being graduates of the local high school. Letitia studied with talented teachers and is an accomplished musician. She and her husband have one daughter, Kathryn Letitia, born in Lorain July 18, 1915. Charles R. Jones is married and has a daughter, also named Letitia. It is interesting to note at this point that the two little grand-

daughters are named Letitia as they will some day be the owners of silver teaspoons, handmade over 200 years ago in England and engraved with the letter "L." Mrs. Jones has an old silver teapot which her parents brought from England and which was among the exhibits of the historical society in the Elyria courthouse for a number of years.

In politics Mr. Jones is a democrat and while not an active participant in local affairs he nevertheless gives an ardent support to all measures projected for the good of the general welfare. His wife is a member of the First Congregational Church and they hold a high place in the esteem and affection of their fellow citizens. Mr. Jones is a self-made man in the strictest sense of the term and it is gratifying to note that he is one of the foremost business men of this county.

Charles B. Rawson. For twenty-four years continuously Charles B. Rawson has been identified with the mercantile enterprise of the Village of LaGrange. He is proprietor of a large general merchandise store and has made his business profitable to himself and representing a thorough and up-to-date mercantile service to the community.

Though nearly all his active career has been spent behind a counter or in a store office, he was born on a farm near Sunfield in Eaton County, Michigan, June 29, 1867, a son of B. F. and Elden (Freemire) Rawson.

It was on the old farm in Michigan that he spent his boyhood, had a common school education, and was twenty years of age when he came to LaGrange and found employment in the grocery store conducted by his uncle L. W. Richmond. At first he was paid $15 a month and his board. He was with his uncle three years, and the last year the arrangement was that he should receive $30 a month. However, before the close of the twelve month period he and B. L. Wilkins bought the store and started under the firm name of Wilkins & Rawson. They conducted this business five years. They assumed the stock on credit, and at the end of five years had so prospered that they owned the entire business and had discounted their bills so closely that they had a splendid credit rating.

A short time before buying out his uncle Mr. Rawson on November 27, 1889, married Miss Grace Holcomb. She was born and reared in LaGrange, a daughter of Andrew and Anna (Aldrich) Holcomb. When Mr. Rawson and partner bought the stock of his uncle, Mr. Holcomb was his financial backer, endorsing the note.

The firm of Wilkins & Rawson continued for five years, when Mr. Wilkins sold out to his partner on account of ill health. In 1902 Mr. Rawson took in a brother as partner under the firm name of Rawson Brothers, and this was the style of the firm until 1910. In 1901 he bought the building in which his fine store is conducted.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawson have two children. The son Charles Andrew who was born at LaGrange August 11, 1891, is a graduate of the LaGrange High School, took a full course in the Oberlin Business College, and in 1915 finished a course at Cleveland in penmanship under Professor Barnet, and has a diploma and is well qualified for the teaching of penmanship. Just now he is employed by his father in the store at LaGrange. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rawson is Lura Grace who graduated from high school and is still at home. The family reside in a comfortable residence on South Main Street.

While Mr. Rawson was reared a democrat, he is independent in political activities. In his home community he has served on the school board, as township treasurer and as corporation treasurer. He and his wife are active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, he being a member of the official board, while the son is leader of the Sunday School orchestra. Fraternally both Mr. Rawson and his son are members of LaGrange Lodge

No. 399, Free and Accepted Masons, in which the father has been junior warden, secretary ten years and now worshipful master, while the son is now junior warden. Mr. Rawson is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

William C. Silic. The career of William C. Silic of LaGrange Township is a story of achievement, a gradual accumulation of material resources and the experience which profits a man in any undertaking.

Born in the City of Cleveland March 1, 1858, he was about four years of age when his mother died, and at the age of twelve he began life for himself. He had only limited schooling. Coming to Pittsfield Township in Lorain County, he hired out to work on a farm for board and clothes. At the age of fourteen he was paid wages of $6 a month. He continued monthly employment until he was nineteen, and at that time was getting $20 a month. When he quit he had accumulated a modest capital of $100.

With that he bought a team and harness and went in with other parties in the purchase of a threshing machine outfit. For five years he helped operate this in the fall and early winter while the spring and summer were spent in the lumber camps of Michigan. At the end of the five year period he had accumulated about $1,000, and that was the foundation of his present prosperity.

Having attained that stage of success, Mr. Silic in April, 1882, at LaGrange married Miss Anna Stevenson, who was born in Pittsfield, January 12, 1859, a daughter of George and Mary (Speed) Stevenson. Her parents were both natives of England, came to America when quite young with their respective parents, and grew up in Muskingum County, Ohio, where they married and later settled on a farm in Pittsfield Township of Lorain County. Mrs. Silic's father died at the age of forty-eight and her mother is still living at the age of eighty. Mrs. Silic died in 1889, and in about 1890 Mr. Silic married Mary Matilda Stevenson, a sister of his first wife. All of his children were born of his second marriage. Mr. Silic's parents were Conrad and Anna Silic, both natives of Germany, where the father served his regular time in the army. The father was a machinist by trade, and he died at the Soldiers Home in Dayton, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Silic moved to Cleveland and for four years was employed by the United States Express Company at $50 a month. Returning to Pittsfield Township he invested his capital in a farm of 86½ acres and for the past thirty years has made farming and stock raising his chief occupation. He owned the first farm for twenty-three years, and in that time made many improvements. He occupied it as his home for about seventeen years and then desiring to farm on a more extensive scale he leased a place of 240 acres near Wellington. He operated this for eight years and in the meantime acquired a house and lot in Wellington, and in 1908 after selling his original place, he bought his present fine farm of 234 acres 1¾ miles west of the Village of LaGrange. This farm too he has improved in many ways. Mr. Silic is well known as a dairyman and as a breeder of thoroughbred Holstein cattle. He started his herd with one thoroughbred cow and now has six, while his dairy herd numbers altogether twenty-four.

Mr. and Mrs. Silic have four children: Flossie Maude, who was born in Pittsfield and is the wife of Edward Wise, a farmer in LaGrange Township, and their two children are named Leona and Paul E.; Jessie M., who was born in Pittsfield and lives with her parents; Clarence W., born in Pittsfield, and in the second year of the high school; and Leslie Dewey, born in Pittsfield and in the first year in high school. Mr. Silic

is a republican, but is not a seeker for official honors. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and was formerly connected with the Maccabees and with the Grange.

STUART HARVEY LUCAS. Such a position as is occupied in the community of Elyria by S. H. Lucas does not come as a result of chance. A steadfast ambition, untiring energy, a capacity for endless detail and hard work, a sound integrity, have made him one of the most forceful of the younger business men and citizens. In a business way he has been primarily identified with the upbuilding and development of The Hygienic Ice Company, the only factory at Elyria engaged in the manufacture of ice from distilled waters. Mr. Lucas occupies a number of other relations with the civic, fraternal and club life of his home city and his name hardly requires any introduction to the present generation.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Marion February 16, 1876, a son of Harvey Stoughton and Mary Margaret (McLain) Lucas. His mother was born in Springfield, Ohio, January 1, 1849, a daughter of Rev. John Stuart McLain, whose activities as a minister brought him into prominence among the early preachers of Ohio. Mr. Lucas' great-grandfather was Noah Lucas, who in 1832 removed from Homer, New York, in the Mohawk Valley and settled at Kipton in Lorain County, Ohio. At that time the vicinity of Kipton was noted as deer hunting grounds and was a great resort for sportsmen from Cleveland. Noah and his son William, the latter the grandfather of the Elyria business man, were the only settlers in that community, their nearest neighbors being seven miles away. Grandfather William Lucas subsequently removed to Summit County. That was a time when Cuyahoga Falls was a larger town than Akron, and he was one of the men of enterprise who endeavored to make an industrial center by building the Chickoree Race, which was to take water from the Cuyahoga River above the falls to Akron. That project fell through and the ruins of the well conceived though unsuccessful enterprise are still found in that locality.

Harvey Stoughton Lucas, who was born in Homer, New York, in 1826, likewise became a man of considerable prominence in business affairs. Prior to 1852 he was associated in a small way with the famous Rockefellers of Cleveland. Leaving Cleveland in 1852, he settled in Marion County, Ohio, and there took up general merchandising. He conducted one of the old fashioned country community stores and the stock comprised everything from a package of pins to farm machinery. He was continuously identified with that business in Marion County until 1888, and it was the only store kept open in the county during the disastrous cholera epidemic of many years ago. His partner in the business was Fred Seffner, and their store was conducted under the firm name of Lucas & Seffner. In 1888 Harvey S. Lucas sold out and removed to a farm in Sheffield Township of Ashtabula County, living there until 1891. At that date he purchased the Shreve Roller Mills in Wayne County, and operated the establishment during 1891-92-93. He then retired from active business and lived quietly at his home in Wooster until his death on August 4, 1895. His wife survived him until September 10, 1903. Harvey S. Lucas also had a record as a soldier. He enlisted in 1864 in Company I of the One Hundred Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the capacity of sergeant, and served about four months in the closing days of the war. He and his partner in the general merchandising business in Marion County were unable to enter the service at the same time and they drew lots to see which would enlist first, and the partner was the one upon whom this choice fell, and he

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saw three years of service and on returning home his place in the ranks was taken by Mr. Lucas. Harvey S. Lucas married for his first wife Miss Abbie Green. She died being survived by three children: Mrs. R. W. Harrington of Akron; W. G. Lucas of Marion; and Mrs. Carrie Gailey of Detroit, Michigan. For his second wife Mr. Lucas married Miss Mary Margaret McLain. Three children were also born to this union. Stuart Harvey; Grace Margaret, who is now a missionary in one of the departments of the Girls School at Nankin, China; and Rhea Reed Lucas, a florist at Wooster, Ohio.

The early life of Stuart H. Lucas was spent largely in the towns of Marion, Shreve and Wooster, and in those localities he also acquired his education. In 1891 he graduated from the high school at Shreve, and subsequently attended the Wooster University. Like most successful business men he started at the foot of the ladder and has gone upward step by step on the basis of merit and accomplishment. His first employment was in a drug store at Wooster owned by Laubaugh & Boyd. About a year later he transferred his connection to the Boston Piano Company at Wooster, with which he remained eighteen months and then spent two years with Wamelink & Son of Cleveland. For about three years he was in the auditing department of The American Steel and Wire Company at Newburg, Ohio, and had another variation then in business experience by several months of employment with the Burrows Brothers Company in their book store at Cleveland.

In the spring of 1904 Mr. Lucas organized The Hygienic Ice Company at Elyria. He went into this enterprise with characteristic energy and had the plant in complete operation by July 9, 1904. It is an incorporated company, and the officers are: W. E. Brooks, president; D. W. Hyland, vice president; S. H. Lucas, secretary; and Frederick Mosley, treasurer. Mr. Lucas is also general manager of the company, and its splendid success is largely due to his efficiency and progressive management. Ice has long been recognized as one of the most indispensable of commodities, and in late years emphasis has been placed upon the requirements of purity, and this company at Elyria is the only one manufacturing ice from distilled water. The business is a flourishing one, and in addition to the manufacture of distilled water ice, it also has a large cold storage plant, the principal building having a capacity for 900 tons of ice and provision for the storage of 2,000 crates of eggs while there are two other cold storage rooms fitted for the keeping of products of other kinds. Another department of the business is the manufacture and selling at wholesale of pure and sanitary ice cream, and the standard of purity is the motto and watchword of the entire business.

In his political associations Mr. Lucas has always been classed as a republican, and without undue partisanship has always been in close touch with civic interests and affairs. He is prominent in Masonry, his affiliations being with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons; Elyria Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masters; Elyria Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar; and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He is also affiliated with Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Elyria Lodge No. 778, of the Loyal Order of Moose; Elyria Lodge of Eagles No. 431, and he is a member of the Associated Craftsmen of Engineers, and is a charter member of the Lakewood Yacht Club, now the Cleveland Yacht Club. Other clubs of which he is a member are the Elyria Auto Club, the Eastern Heights Tennis Club, the Summit Lake Tennis Club of Akron, the Sandusky Yacht

Club of Sandusky, the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club at Put-In-Bay. He attends the First Congregational Church at Elyria.

On August 10, 1903, Mr. Lucas was married in Wooster to Miss Aimee G. Hamilton. Mrs. Lucas, who is a woman of thorough culture and many accomplishments, was born in Manchester, England. Her father, Harry Hamilton, who died at Manchester, was a well known English sportsman and one of the fox-hunting squires who in a former day were such picturesque figures in English life. Her mother, Margaret (Young) Hamilton, lived at San Diego, California, at the time of her death, December 29, 1915. Mrs. Lucas came with her mother and other members of the family to the United States about 1888. She had received her education in Manchester and the only one of her sisters remaining in England married the Rt. Hon. Vernon Kellett. Mrs. Lucas among other accomplishments is one of the best horseback riders in the state, as well as an expert boat handler. She attends the religious services of the Christian Science Church.

Frank C. Billings. The prosperity and advancement of a community depend upon the social character and public spirit of its members. In every prosperous town and country center will be found citizens who take the lead and give their energies not alone to their own well being, but to the things that mean better and fuller life for all. Such a citizen for many years in Lorain County has been Frank C. Billings, farmer, dairyman and breeder of thoroughbred Holstein cattle.

The fine Billings farm is located two miles west and three-quarters of a mile north of LaGrange Village on rural route No. 1. Not only has Mr. Billings helped to make progress in his own time but he also represents one of the solid old time families of Lorain County. He was born in LaGrange Township June 14, 1873, a son of George Mortimer and May (Ingersoll) Billings. The family was founded in Lorain County by the grandparents, Orson and Sophronia (Buell) Billings, both of whom were born and reared in Chenango County, New York, where they married and where two of their children were born. Later Orson Billings traded some property in New York State for land in LaGrange Township, the transaction having been made through the medium of the Western Reserve Company. The young people loaded their possessions on a boat at Buffalo, and soon after leaving port a storm came up and all their furniture was thrown overboard, and besides a few clothes they were left without any equipment except his carpenter tools. They landed at Cleveland and stopped for a time at the old Franklin Hotel. Grandfather Billings was very nearly tempted to trade his land in LaGrange Township for that hotel and some additional land. Being a carpenter, he soon had a log house erected on his land in LaGrange Township, and while working at his trade and putting up many of the early buildings in that locality, he also cleared up most of his land. He lived in LaGrange Township until about fifty years of age. Orson Billings was a man of somewhat remarkable genius. He invented the Duplex mowing machine, and put up a building on his farm in which to manufacture it. This building is still in use and is now a tool shed on Frank C. Billings' farm. Grandfather Billings also invented the Billings corn planter. He had patents on both of these machines, and he also carried his skill into the manufacture of parlor organs. One of these instruments is still in use in LaGrange Township. From his farm he finally moved to Elyria and formed a company for the manufacture of his inventions. Business cares weighed upon him so that he lost his health, sold out, and died at Elyria when about sixty-one or sixty-two years of age. His widow survived him until about the age of eighty-five.

George M. Billings was born in LaGrange Township December 25, 1845. Reared on the Billings farm in LaGrange Township, he acquired a liberal education for that time. He attended Oberlin College one year. His active career was spent on the farm, but he lived in Elyria at the time of his death on January 30, 1909, at the age of sixty-three. He was a democrat and was a man of deep religious convictions though not identified with any one church. He and his wife had two children, and the daughter Pearl A., who was born in LaGrange and was given the best of advantages in musical training, having studied at the Oberlin Conservatory, was for some years a teacher of music, but is now the wife of F. E. Gibson of Cleveland, and her two sons are Lisle, aged fifteen, and Ford, aged five.

Frank C. Billings spent his boyhood on the farm, acquired a common school education, and at the age of eighteen went out to Kansas. For two years he farmed on rented land near Topeka. Returning to Lorain County in 1893, he was employed by his father a few years, and on March 9, 1896, was married in Elyria to Miss Maude McNelly. She was born at Ridgeville, Lorain County, a daughter of James and Bertha (Tippin) McNelly. Mrs. Billings graduated from the Elyria High School in 1893 and was a teacher in the country schools until her marriage. They have one son, Dorrwood Arthur, who was born on the home farm January 24, 1898, and finished his course in the LaGrange High School in 1916.

In addition to what he inherited from his father Mr. Billings bought the interests of his mother and sister in the home farm, and now has altogether 240 acres. This includes fifty-three acres which he purchased in addition to the homestead. Everything he does he does well and works constantly for progress and improvement. A prominent feature of his farm is a fine new barn on a foundation 30x100 feet, and seventeen feet from foundation to eaves. It is covered with a slate roof and has cement floors. He also has a silo of 100 tons capacity. He employs power extensively to run his farm machinery, and has a power house with a gasoline engine run by natural gas, and this supplies power for his three milking machines, which he has had in use in his dairy for the past two years. In 1908 Mr. Billings sank a 500-foot gas well, and he used it until another well was put down 2,200 feet to Clinton sand, and this developed a strong flow of gas. Beside his own power house and home two other houses on his land are supplied with this gas, and he receives a royalty on gas he supplies from his works.

Born and reared a democrat, Mr. Billings in 1912 was elected township trustee, and was the first democrat elected to that office in twenty-eight years. He has also served as a member of the school board. Mrs. Billings is a member of the Disciples Church and for some time was a teacher in the Sunday School. Mr. Billings affiliates with the Knights of Pythias at LaGrange, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Eagles at Elyria, and both he and his wife are active in the Grange. Mrs. Bilings has membership in the Pythian Sisters and the Ladies of the Maccabees, and has served as home commander and as county commander.

Samuel Vincent Pryce, of Carlisle Township, near LaGrange, a citizen who has prospered in spite of handicaps and adversities, and with his family is now enjoying a comfortable prosperity on his farm of sixty-five acres on rural route No. 1 out of LaGrange. He does considerable dairy business, and turned to farming after a long experience as a telegraph operator and store manager.

He was born in the Village of Pool, Illogan Parish in Cornwall, England, December 9, 1858, a son of Samuel V. and Mary (Trevenen)

Pryce. He remained in Cornwall with his grandparents after his father went to Australia, where the latter died when Mr. Pryce was about twenty years of age. In Cornwall he acquired a fair common school education, and was in his twenties when he set out to make his own way in the world and came to America. He landed at New York after a trip of six days. On the same boat was Miss Eliza Rickard, his betrothed, who was also born near his birthplace in Cornwall, daughter of Stephen and Jane (Gall) Rickard. The couple went direct to Northern Michigan, and were married in the Village of Norway in that section of Michigan July 22, 1881.

The young couple lived at Norway and also at Vulcan, while Mr. Pryce was employed in the iron and copper mines of the Upper Peninsula. While at work he met with an accident which closed his career as a miner, and he then learned telegraphy.

It was as a telegraph operator that he came to Ohio and after spending a time at Oberlin was appointed to a position with the Cleveland Stone Company at Nickel Plate as operator and also as manager of the company store. He remained with that corporation continuously for twenty-nine years until the business was closed up.

In the meantime in 1897 Mr. Pryce bought his present homestead in Carlisle Township, and his family resided there while he continued work for the Cleveland Stone Company. During the past eighteen years he has made many improvements and he now has a fine farm home. He remodeled the barn, and he also had a gas well put down to a depth of 957 feet and has a copious supply of natural gas for fuel and lighting purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Pryce have a son, Samuel Vincent Pryce III, who was born at Menominee, Michigan, November 19, 1882. The son was graduated in a business course in 1901, and is now an active young farmer helping his father run the place. Mr. Pryce is independent in politics, and he and his family are Methodists. He still keeps up his affiliations with the Independent Order of Foresters at Calumet, Michigan.

Frank R. Fauver. It is doubtful if any recent appointment to the state service has been based upon better qualifications, fitness for the responsibility and the general requisites of experience and ability than that of Frank R. Fauver who in August, 1915, began his duties as superintendent of the State Public Works. This office is one that demands exactly the qualifications which Mr. Fauver is known to possess.

Prior to beginning his duties in this state office Mr. Fauver's record was made in Lorain County, where for the past eight years he has been a member of Elyria Road Commission No. 1. The construction of a good road is an improvement which, under modern conditions, must take precedence in importance over almost any public undertaking. To the energy and good judgment of Mr. Fauver must be credited a large share not only in the construction of one road but in the building nearly 100 miles of macadamized roads in the No. 1 district of Lorain County. Under his supervision a large mileage of macadam construction is found in the townships of Elyria, Ridgeville, Carlisle and Eaton.

For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. Fauver's home has been in Elyria, and while his service as road commissioner outweighs all others in importance he was for six years city auditor. Mr. Fauver is a native of Lorain County, having been born on a farm in Eaton Township October 10, 1878. He is a man of liberal education, having attended the common schools and being a graduate of the Elyria High School, after which he took two years of work in the University of Michigan. He early became identified with public affairs, and was elected for two

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terms to the office of city auditor. Along with the office of road commissioner he was secretary of county road district No. 1.

Well known in social and fraternal circles, he is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons at Elyria, and Lodge No. 465 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Fauver was married February 9, 1916, to Miss Julia Schnuerer, of Elyria, a daughter of Mrs. Minnie Schnuerer, of that city.

J. A. Meek, M. D. One of the young physicians and surgeons whose work has indicated ability and professional talent in Lorain County, Dr. J. A. Meek lives at Grafton, where almost at the outset of his career he has acquired a place of prominence and usefulness.

He was born in Cortland, Ohio, August 2, 1885, a son of Warren Fayette and Harriet (Cowdery) Meek. Doctor Meek was reared to manhood in the vicinity of Cortland, attended public school there, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1903, and followed that with three years of general employment. Partly with his own earnings he entered the Homeopathic College at Cleveland, where he continued to pursue his studies until graduating M. D. in 1912. After his graduation he located at Grafton, and has made an excellent start and has a promising patronage. He is a member of the Lorain County Medical Society.

In Cleveland, while still attending medical college, on September 19, 1909, Doctor Meek married Miss Lila M. Bartholomew of that city.

Carl H. Dudley. While Oberlin is a town chiefly distinguished for its homes and its educational institutions, it has at least one industrial and manufacturing concern, the Ohio Road Machine Company, of which Carl H. Dudley is secretary and treasurer. This local plant bears favorable comparison with the larger industries of Lorain County. It manufactures a large line of machinery used in the construction of roads and also for irrigation purposes. The output of the factory meets the international and export trade of the United States since the machines are shipped to such foreign countries as South Africa, South America and Russia. The company is incorporated with a capital of $40,000.

Besides his office as secretary and treasurer of this company, Carl H. Dudley has a number of other interests that identify him with Oberlin. He started life practically without any fortune as a farmer's boy.

He was born in Lorain County, September 26, 1868, a son of J. Harwood and Angeline (Loomer) Dudley. His grandfather, Jonathan Dudley, a native of Vermont, was an early settler in Lorain County, where he spent the rest of his days. J. Harwood Dudley was born in Vermont in 1822 and died in 1876, while his wife was born in Nova Scotia in 1832 and died in 1898. They were married in Wisconsin, but soon afterwards moved to Ohio and located in Lorain County, where the elder Dudley followed farming and in time built up a considerable business, owning quite a tract of land in Henrietta Township and handling sheep and cattle. As a republican he filled several township offices, and he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. There were nine children, and the six now living are: Arthur L., a farmer in Henrietta Township, Lorain County; Ella, wife of Dr. Thomas Walker, who holds the chair of English in a large college in South Africa; Stowell B., who is a physician at Weiser, Idaho; Carl H.; Harlan, a physician at Jefferson, Ohio; and Mrs. J. E. Barnard, wife of a dentist at Oberlin.

Reared on a farm, and no doubt deriving from that atmosphere and environment a wholesale physical energy which has enabled him to make

a success in business affairs, Carl H. Dudley attended the Academy of Oberlin College for three years, and then completed a course in the Oberlin Business College. He lived in Chicago one year, after which his business interests led him to the West, and for two years he was connected with a bank in Nebraska and for a time was in the lumber business in New York State. It was in 1898 that he established himself as a manufacturer at Oberlin, beginning with the manufacture of creamery cans and cream separators. He has been one of the important factors in developing the Ohio Road Machine Company. Mr. Dudley also owns a farm in Lorain County, and has a summer resort hotel at Vermilion.

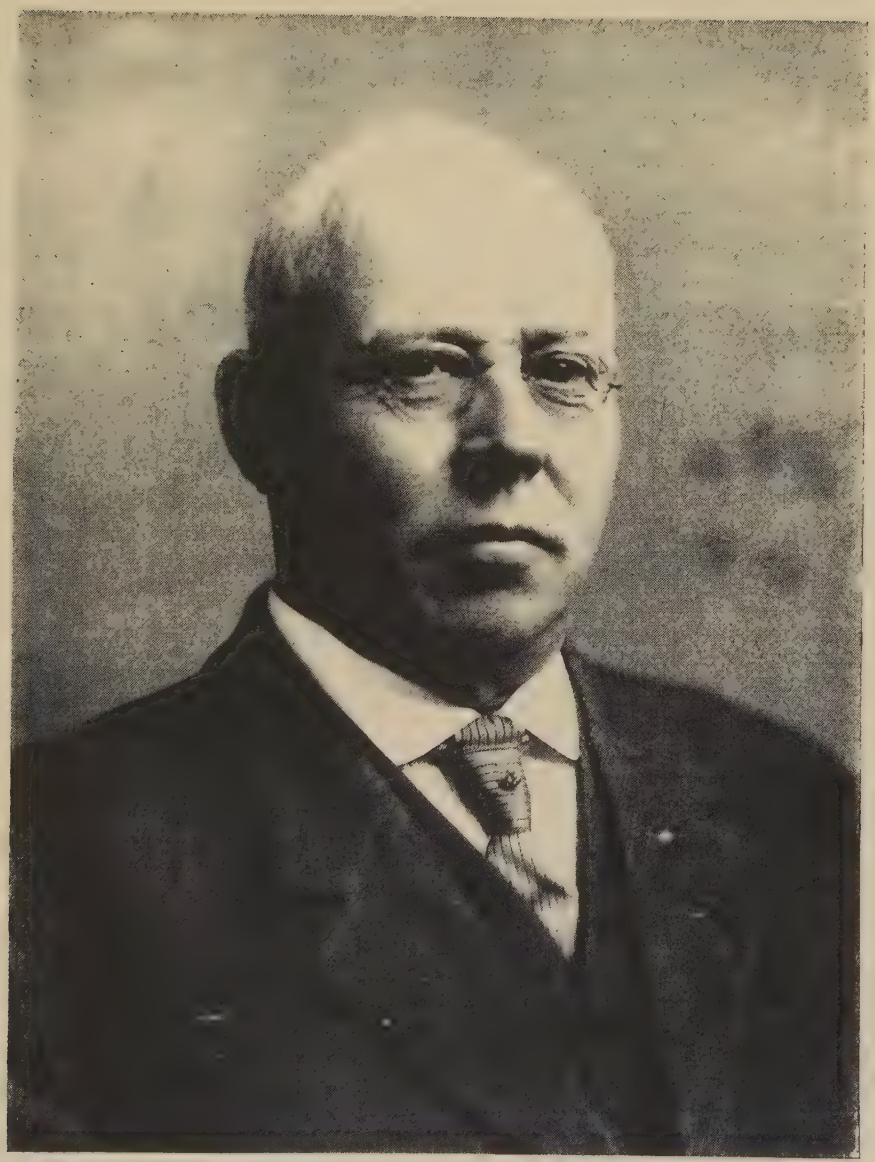
In 1908 he married Miss Hortense P. Mapes, who was born in Nebraska. They have two daughters: Winifred, born June 6, 1910; and Barbara, born February 18, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley are members of the Baptist Church and in politics he is an independent republican.

Robert C. Ward. To the greatest number of people in Lorain County Mr. Ward is known through his capable service as sheriff, an office which he held for two terms, four years. However, he has been a resident of this section of Ohio nearly forty years, was for a long time in business at Wellington, and has lived at Elyria during the past fifteen years. Whether in office or in private affairs Mr. Ward has enjoyed an excellent reputation for painstaking ability, efficiency and public spirit.

In identifying himself with Lorain County Mr. Ward came from the West rather than from the East, which is the natural movement of most people in establishing new homes. He was born at Rockville in Parke County, Indiana, September 11, 1850. His father, John E. Ward, was born in Kentucky, and his mother, Margaret E. (Mulhallen) was a native of Virginia and a daughter of a slave holding planter who freed his slaves and came to the free State of Indiana when Mrs. Ward was about six years of age. John E. Ward was born in 1824, and died in 1859. His wife was born in 1826 and they were married at Rockville, Indiana, moved from there by wagon to Fulton County, Illinois, later to Peoria, and finally to Lacon in Marshall County, Illinois, where the father died. His widow was left with the care of five children. For the next two years she lived at Lacon and then established a home near Wenona, Illinois, where her sons found work on a farm and contributed their earnings to the support of the little household.

One of these early wage earners and workers was Robert C. Ward, who gained practically all his regular schooling prior to the time he was fourteen, and at that age started as a regular farm hand at wages of $14 a month. At the end of eight months when paid his aggregate wages of $112 he took the entire amount to his mother. His other brother was also working, and their sister was teaching school, and in this way the family gradually began to get ahead and prosper. About 1878 the mother and two older children moved from Illinois to Missouri and the mother died there in the home of her daughter in 1908, while her son Robert was serving as sheriff of Lorain County.

Robert C. Ward first came to Ohio in 1873, and was employed in a sawmill at Napoleon in Henry County, but in June of the same year went to Huron County in charge of 1,000 head of sheep. He soon afterwards found work in a sawmill at Greenwich, but in 1875 took up another line of business, driving about over the country and collecting butter and eggs. In the spring of 1880 he became identified with the firm of Wadsworth, Peabody & Hossler in their planing mill at Greenwich, and in 1893 the same company sent him to their mill at Wellington in Lorain County. For seven years Mr. Ward remained at Welling-



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ton, and was engaged in several lines of business while there, part of the time having a buggy and implement house.

Having sold his interests at Wellington Mr. Ward moved to Elyria in 1901 to take up his duties as bailiff and deputy sheriff. This office furnished him the training and the logical preparation for the honor paid him in 1906 when he was regularly elected county sheriff. He was nominated in an old time political convention for that office, but in 1908 he became the nominee of his party at the popular primaries, and was the first sheriff of Lorain County subject to the registration of the popular will both at primaries and the regular election. He was nominated without opposition, was re-elected, and held the office for two consecutive terms, until January, 1911. Since leaving the office of sheriff Mr. Ward has lived retired.

In politics he claims allegiance with the republican party first, last and always, and has at different times been an influential factor in local politics, though never seeking honors for himself except in the case of sheriff. He was formerly identified with several fraternal organizations, but is now only an active Mason, both in the Lodge and Royal Arch Chapters. Mr. Ward and wife find their chief recreation and take a great deal of pleasure in their large Cadillac touring car. Mr. Ward knows how to keep an automobile clean and in the best of working order, and his big car looks like new all the time. He is a member of the Elyria Automobile Club. He and his wife have a pleasant home on Lake Avenue. November 4, 1874, he married Emerett Washburn, who belonged to one of the oldest families in this section of Ohio. She was born in Huron County, a daughter of Henry Craft and Charlotte C. (Griffin) Washburn, the latter a native of Greene County, New York. Henry C. Washburn was also born in Huron County, a son of Henry Washburn, who brought the family to Huron County in the early days, and a grandson of Joseph Washburn, who also came to Huron County.

Albert Franklin Rust. Shady Nook Farm, at Grafton, was for two years the scene of the energetic plans and labors of the late Albert Franklin Rust, who died while in the midst of his preparations for an extensive business as an agriculturist and dairyman, but whose brief residence in Lorain County made a strong impress on the community, where he left a host of sorrowing friends, and Shady Nook Farm is now occupied and ably managed by Mrs. Rust and two of her daughters.

For one who started his independent career in early boyhood, relying upon industry, honesty and merit to advance himself in the world's favor, the late Albert Franklin Rust accomplished all that could be desired, both in a material way and in that esteem which is one of the most distinctive marks of a successful career. He was born on a farm at Northampton, Clark County, Ohio, January 31, 1865, a son of David and Phoebe (Cost) Rust. His father was born March 9, 1835, in Clark County and his mother was born in the same locality, January 9, 1840. When the son was about five years of age his parents moved to Union County, Iowa, where his mother died in 1868. The father then returned with his three children to Clark County, Ohio.

The late Mr. Rust acquired only a common school education in his early youth, and when fifteen years of age started out to earn his own living by hard work in a little factory in Dialton, Clark County. By such employment he earned sufficient to support himself and later also to pay for several terms of instruction in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso.

In 1886 he moved to Shelby County, Ohio, bought a farm, started and conducted a tile factory.

November 28, 1889, Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Rust was united in mar-

riage with Miss Bonnie Estella Dunson. Mrs. Rust was born November 8, 1871, in Shelby County, Ohio, a daughter of Addison and Rosanna (Lodge) Dunson. Her father was born at Meadowbrook, Augusta County, Virginia, January 22, 1831. Her mother was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, July 30, 1835. Addison Dunson was a child when he moved with his parents to Port Jefferson in Shelby County, Ohio, was reared there, obtaining a common school education, and afterwards learned the undertaking business, which he carried on at Port Jefferson until 1872. He then moved to a farm at Maplewood, Ohio, and lived there until his death on May 24, 1914. Mrs. Rust's mother passed away February 3, 1890. Mrs. Rust is a woman of culture and thorough education, attended the common schools, and took one year in high school and also had a course in elocution.

In 1899 Mr. and Mrs. Rust moved to Paulding County, Ohio, where he again resumed the industry to which he had been early trained, tile manufacture, and became sole owner of a plant there. He had shut down his plant in Shelby County, though he still owned his farm there. From Paulding County Mr. Rust, in 1913, came to Grafton in Lorain County, and bought 386 acres included in the fine estate known as Shady Nook Farm. He was in the midst of his plans and labors for establing himself on an extensive scale in dairying and stock raising when he was called away from the scenes of earthly life, February 10, 1915.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rust were born six children: Hazel Rosanna, born May 11, 1891, is a graduate of high school and of a business course at Sidney, Ohio, and on March 24, 1910, she married Ivan S. Mahan; they are the parents of one son, Howard A., born February 12, 1911, and this little grandson was about four years of age when Albert F. Rust passed away. Eunice Pauline, who was born in Shelby County, Ohio, July 26, 1893, graduated from the high school at Haviland, Paulding County, Ohio, and is now the wife of William Spelbring. Itella Joy, born October 1, 1897, near Maplewood, Shelby County, is a member of the class of 1916 in the Elyria High School. Mary Cornelia, born June 18, 1901, in Shelby County, is a member of the freshman class in the Grafton High School. Albert Franklin, Jr., was born January 28, 1906, in Shelby County. Phronsie Estella was born in Haviland, Paulding County, September 11, 1908.

In character and accomplishment the late Mr. Rust was a man who always attracted notice and stood as one of the leading citizens of any community with which he was identified. He was reared a republican, but later became a democrat, and though not an office seeker he filled several places of trust and responsibility. He was at one time chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Maplewood, Ohio, and was also a representative in the Grand Lodge. While at Haviland in Paulding County he assisted in organizing the First National Bank, and was its first president, an office he held until he moved to Lorain County. When twelve years of age Mr. Rust was confirmed in the Reformed Church, and continued an active member both in the church and Sunday school until his death. While he was almost a lifelong member of the church, several years before his death he made a special consecration of himself and his means to the work of the Master. With very meager beginnings he had developed himself into a man of business affairs and had life been spared the normal period he would doubtless have gone much further in the various fields wherein his interests lay. At his death the care and responsibility of his business affairs devolved upon his wife, who has been ably assisted by her two daughters who are now grown and also by the one who is rapidly developing into young womanhood.

PLINY H. ROGERS. One of the products which has made the Rogers farm in Grafton Township distinctive is the manufacture of cider and apple butter. During the season of 1915 Mr. Rogers in his home plant manufactured about eighty thousand gallons of apple cider, and converted a large part of its product into the making of apple butter, and of this delicious commodity he sent about twenty-eight hundred gallons to market.

This is not the only industry carried on on the Rogers farm. Mr. Rogers is a practical farmer, has made a success of his business, and also operates a first class dairy. His home is a mile and a half south of Belden, with Grafton as his postoffice.

Pliny H. Rogers was born on the farm a mile east of Grafton, August 29, 1872, and is a son of Theodore B. and Harriet S. (Hart) Rogers. His father was born at Collinsville, Connecticut, June 4, 1840, and is now living retired at the age of seventy-six. The grandparents were Henry D. and Bathsheba (Chapin) Rogers. Henry D. Rogers was born at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1810, and died in 1896. His wife, Bathsheba Chapin, was born at Chicopee Falls, Connecticut, May 28, 1805, a daughter of Oliver and Ellice (Bush) Chapin. Oliver Chapin was born August 17, 1776, and his wife on October 20, 1779. In 1842, when Theodore Rogers was two years of age, his parents came west to Lorain County, locating in Grafton Township a mile east of Belden, and there they spent the rest of their days. Theodore Rogers was for years a very active member of his community in addition to his work as a farmer. As a republican he filled most of the township offices, and both he and his father Henry were closely identified with the Congregational Church in that community. Henry Rogers was one of the founders of that church, and sold steers at three cents a pound in order to raise the $500 he had contributed to the building. Theodore Rogers was also active in church affairs, held official position in both church and Sunday school, and is also a member of the Masonic Lodge at Litchfield. When about twenty-one years of age Theodore Rogers married, lived at home with his father until thirty, and then was given eighty acres of land by Henry Rogers. He occupied that place until 1897. His wife died January 29, 1896. The six children in the family were: Clara B., who died December 28, 1915, left three children by her marriage to E. A. Terrell of Ridgeville; Edith P., who died at Oakland, California, married William H. Brandenburg, and left a son Edwin B.; Harry L., who now lives at Fiske, Saskatchewan, Canada, married for his first wife Lottie Breckenridge, by whom there is one child, George W., and for his second wife married Mrs. Laura Johnson; John died in infancy; the fifth child is Pliny H.; Dwight E. married Carrie Bessie Cleverdon and lives in Lorain.

Pliny H. Rogers grew to manhood on the old family homestead. When about eighteen years of age he went to Findlay, Ohio, and while attending high school there was employed in a drug store and eventually became a registered pharmacist. He was in the drug business at Findlay for five years until failing health compelled him to abandon that vocation.

On February 20, 1895, on the farm where he now lives, he married Miss Jessie Cleverdon. Mrs. Rogers was born in the Village of Lodi, Medina County, Ohio, daughter of William and Emeline (Woods) Cleverdon. About 1888 her parents removed to Grafton Township, where her father bought sixty acres and later another sixty acres. Her parents are now retired at Litchfield, Ohio, where her father is living at the age of seventy-six.

After his marriage Mr. Rogers spent several years in the business of well drilling, and from that he got the start which enabled him in 1907

to buy his present farm. The house burned the same year he bought, and afterwards he erected his present modern home. His improvements show that he is very progressive and enterprising. He constructed two silos of good capacity, and some years ago he bought a cider mill and began the industry which is now perhaps the most distinctive feature of his business. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have five children: Ruth, who graduated from the Elyria High School with the class of 1913, and is now a successful teacher; Glenn A., who spent a year and a half in the Elyria High School; Donna, Marjorie and Lois, all young and living at home.

In politics Mr. Rogers is a republican and cast his first presidential ballot for McKinley in 1896. For one term he served as township trustee, and he passed the highest competitive examinations and received appointment as assessor from Governor Cox. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Belden, and he is a trustee and is superintendent of the Sunday school. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Litchfield.

Philip D. Reefy, M. D. In the world of modern thought there is coming about a gradual and better appreciation of fundamental values and relationship. Emphasis is being placed more and more upon individual and personal service as at least coequal in importance with vested property and material rights and privileges. It was these better and higher ideals and principles of human life that were well exemplified in the career of the late Dr. Philip D. Reefy of Elyria, and in a time and age which saw the highest development of material achievement and in which the spirit of human ministry to fellowmen was overclouded by those accomplishments which could be measured only by material standards. Whether as a soldier, as a physician, practicing medicine at Elyria continuously from 1869 until his death, or as a public spirited and hard working citizen, Doctor Reefy lived and exemplified the life of service.

He was born on a farm near Mount Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio, December 29, 1845, and died at his home on West Third Street in Elyria October 7, 1913. His parents were Johan Heinrich and Marie (Gnaegi) Ryffe, as the name was spelled in Switzerland, whence the parents came as pioneer settlers to Ohio. In many ways the influences of Swiss nationality and character were expressed by the late Doctor Reefy. His early education was limited to a few months each year in the district schools. He gained bodily strength by working the land and helping clear the forests, and as a youth possessed that love of freedom and ardent patriotism which subsequently made him so valuable as a soldier in the Union army. He had an uncle who was one of the famous Swiss guards around Emperor Napoleon and followed that leader on his disastrous Russian campaign. Less than sixteen years of age at the time, Philip D. Reefy on September 7, 1861, enlisted in Company F of the 19th Ohio Infantry. He did much to inspire others in his community to take part in the war for the preservation of the Union, and he always in every emergency and in every duty set an example of fearlessness, courage and devotion to duty. He went with his company into the Army of the Cumberland, and from the battle of Shiloh to the battle of Nashville, which finally broke the strength of the Confederacy in the West, he served first as private and then as captain in eighty-four engagements, including all the great battles around Chickamauga and Atlanta. For two years he was captain of his company, for one year served as adjutant, and at the close of the war was detailed as mustering out officer of the Third Division, Fourth Army Corps, on the staff of Major-General Wood. He was also an ordnance officer in the central district of Texas, and assistant

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adjutant-general on the staff of Major-General Beatty. He went through the war, constantly exposing himself to danger, with only a slight injury caused by a fragment of a shell.

Of his army service one of his lifelong friends at Warren, Ohio, wrote in tribute to him at the time of his death as follows: "My knowledge of him as a soldier was derived from close acquaintance with him during four years which we spent together in the Civil war as members of the 19th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. By nature and intellect he was a leader of men. He belonged to that coterie of bright young fellows who attained command of companies ere reaching their majority. His record as a soldier was that of the bravest of the brave. Always ready for duty, no matter how arduous or hazardous that duty might be, he knew not the meaning of cowardice. A man among men, a hero among heroes, his proudest boast was his citizenship of the grandest republic on earth. His friendship was as steadfast as his loyalty to his country. With him, friendship meant a covenant, a baptism, a sacrament. His was a nature that despised mean manners and mean methods. Had he enemies, personal or political, he fought them with the same open courage with which he met the enemies of his country on the field of battle."

Many memories might be recalled of Doctor Reefy as a soldier and in his relations with old comrades after the war. He possessed a remarkable memory, and it is said that practically his entire individual experience as a soldier and all the important movements of the troops with which he was associated were photographically registered upon his mind, and he could give expression to the incidents of many campaigns with marvelous descriptive powers. To quote the words of an editorial: "He served his country well, but it can be truthfully said he has served even better the hundreds and hundreds of survivors of the war, who in one way or another came into his life after the great conflict. He loved his war comrades with undying affection and he never hesitated to perform any act which meant for the veterans more comforts in their advancing years, and he constantly preached to the younger generation of the great benefit which had come to the nation through the bloody sacrifice of the flower of the nation's youth in the early '60s."

Mustered out and given his honorable discharge November 25, 1865, Captain Reefy then entered the Roanoke Seminary at Roanoke, Indiana, the head of which was at that time his brother, the late Professor F. S. Reefy. After two years of study there he entered the Eclectic College of Medicine at Cincinnati, graduated M. D. in 1869, and following about six months of practical experience in the Bellevue Hospital at New York City came to Elyria and became associated in practice with the late Dr. Paul W. Sampsell. Later in 1871 Doctor Reefy graduated from the Cleveland Medical College, and in 1873 he went abroad and studied under the direction of some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons in the great hospitals at Vienna and Berlin.

For more than forty years Doctor Reefy practiced in Elyria and the surrounding country. He was not a mere dispenser of medicine, but entered into the lives of his patients and became the true family physician who has long been an ideal of praise and honor. He gave his professional time and services, and also dispensed a broad and liberal charity with lavish hand. In the words of another who spoke of his life at the time of his death, "for forty-four years he has with tireless energy and indomitable purpose pursued his ideal in the practice of his profession. For forty years his name has been a household word in Lorain County. He knew, it is said, until a few years ago, about every resident of the county, familiarly by name. For years, before the interurban cars or motor cars made travel easy, he traversed the rough roads of this county and neigh-

boring counties by day and by night in the practice of his beloved profession. None called to him in vain. No home too distant, no night too dark, no poverty too deep, for him who held his professional skill as a trust in keeping for his fellow man."

After his death Doctor Reefy was honored also for his public services, when the city council of Elyria drew up resolutions to be made a part of the public records in recognition of his work as mayor. He was twice elected mayor of Elyria, in 1899 and 1901, and both administrations were characterized by such respect for law and order that ever afterward they were synonyms of good government. His last civic duty was to serve on the charter commission. His public spirit was not manifested alone when in office, but he was constant in exercising his influence either personally or by the wielding of a vigorous pen toward any betterment which he was convinced was necessary for the city. He was long prominent in Richard Allen Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Whether in his profession or in his relations as a citizen Doctor Reefy always had the courage to have an opinion and to express it without a quibble. At times he might have been thought a little blunt of speech or manner, but it was the action of a sincere, honest mind that believed in the frank expression of a conviction.

On December 29, 1877, Mr. Reefy married Miss Libbie Mountain. He was survived by Mrs. Reefy, by a son, Dr. Karl P. Reefy, a successful physician of Elyria, and a daughter, Mrs. Mayo E. Roe of Elyria.

In conclusion should be quoted some of the words delivered by Rev. George B. Ranshaw at the memorial services held in honor of Doctor Reefy: "We do not forget his high integrity as a citizen. As we recall the story of his busy, rushing life, the spectacle of this occasion is significant in the history of our city. This memorial is not, I take it, a tribute to official service, a recognition of extraordinary genius, to literary or scientific attainments. It is homage to personal character and worth. It is a solemn public declaration that a life so long devoted to the highest ideals, so unselfish in its devotion to the welfare of others, as exalted in its conception and estimates of citizenship, furnishes an example so inspiring, a patriotism so lofty and a public service so splendid and beneficent that in contemplating them, discordant opinions, differing judgments and the sharp sting of controversial speech vanished like dew before sunshine."

George C. Prince. During the past thirty years George C. Prince has been a resident of Oberlin. His connections with Lorain County have been many and varied, both in a business way and in public affairs. The foundation of his business prosperity came as a mill owner and lumberman, though his name has been associated with a number of enterprises of other kinds. He is now living retired in the beautiful little City of Oberlin and is one of the men whose careers have helped to make this county what it is.

His birth occurred in Erie County, New York, December 10, 1830, a son of William and Betsy (Fargo) Prince. He comes of old New England ancestry as is the case of so many of the older residents of Lorain County. His great-great-grandfather was Daniel Prince, who was born in Birmingham, England, about 1655, and first came to America as a soldier of the British army. Upon being discharged from the army he decided to become a citizen of the New World, and he died at Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1728. His son Robert married a Miss Warren. She was arrested for witchcraft during the historic period when witches were persecuted in New England, and was convicted to be hanged, but died in jail. Abel, the grandfather of George C. Prince, was born in Brooklyn, Windham County, Connecticut, July 3, 1763, and

died at Brooklyn in that state, January 17, 1819. He married Lucy Cady, who died at the age of seventy-seven.

William Prince, father of George C., was born in Brooklyn, Connecticut, July 23, 1791, and died in January, 1842. He was married at Providence, Rhode Island, to Miss Fargo, who was born in New London, Connecticut, in 1800, and died in 1885. William Prince was a merchant all his life, and for a number of years he conducted a store near Buffalo, New York, where he died. Of the six children born the only one now living is Mr. Prince of Oberlin. One of the sons, William, served in the Civil war as a soldier and was badly wounded at the battle of Stone River. William Prince was a member of the Presbyterian Church. After his death his widow brought her family to Medina County, Ohio, buying a farm on which she reared her little family. She afterwards removed to Lorain County, and lived on a farm there until her death.

As a boy the circumstances in which George C. Prince was reared were those of limited advantage but of sturdy ideals. He was able to acquire only a common school education, and at the age of sixteen he started out to make his own living. For about fourteen years he was extensively engaged in the lumber business, and in that time directed the operations of some five or six mills. It was this business which gave him the foundation of the fortune which he has since conserved and now enjoys the use of.

In 1861 Mr. Prince married Lucy A. Hill, of Camden Township, of Lorain County. To their union were born six children. Clarence G. is connected with the American Book Company of New York City; William I is now mayor of Duluth, Minnesota; Grace is the wife of Ira D. Shaw, who is connected with the industrial department of the Y. M. C. A. and travels extensively; Sarah, who lives at home is a graduate of Oberlin Kindergarten Training School and is a teacher; Ernest L. and Edith, twins, are the youngest children, and Edith is the wife of Harry R. Hazel, a teacher in the Glenville High School at Cleveland.

Mr. Prince is a member of the First Congregational Church and in politics has always been identified with the republican party. Again and again he has been called to public office. In early days he was township clerk and assessor and justice of the peace. After his removal to Oberlin in 1885 he served as village treasurer and as personal property assessor. For four years he was deputy state supervisor of elections. A man of comfortable means, acquired through the strictest principles of integrity, Mr. Prince has long enjoyed the special confidence of the people in Lorain County, and this was well testified when he was made guardian of the largest estate ever probated in the county, valued at $140,000. He handled the estate with vigor and tact and in such a way as to satisfy all interested parties. At different times in the course of his life he has adminstered some thirty or forty estates.

George W. Ingersoll. It is always pleasing to the biographist or student of human nature to enter into an analysis of the character and career of a successful tiller of the soil. Of the many citizens gaining their own livelihood, he alone stands pre-eminent as a totally independent factor, in short, "monarch of all he surveys." His rugged honesty and sterling worth are the outcome of a close association with nature and in all the relations of life he manifests that generous hospitality and kindly human sympathy which beget comradeship and which cement to him the friendship of all with whom he comes in contact. Successfully engaged in diversified agriculture on his fine estate of 150 acres in Elyria

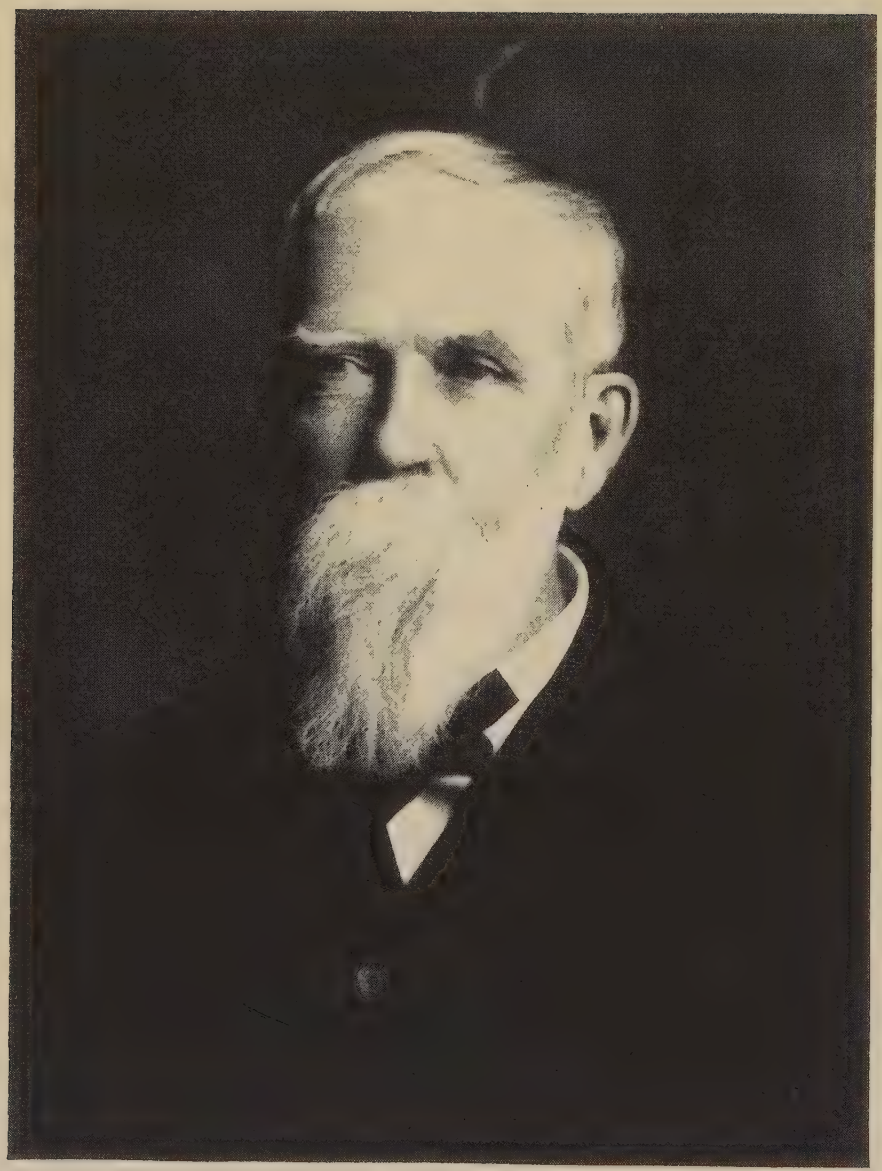
Township, George W. Ingersoll is decidedly a prominent and popular citizen in Lorain County, having lived in this section of the state since 1886.

George W. Ingersoll was born at Grafton, Ohio, September 10, 1864, being a son of George M. and Mary (Preston) Ingersoll, the latter of whom died in 1870. Shortly after the death of his wife, Mr. Ingersoll removed to Elyria in order to have better educational facilities for his children. For his second wife he married Elvira Bradley, who survived him for a number of years. He passed to rest in 1895. There were three children born to the first marriage of whom two are living in 1915. Henry W., an attorney of Elyria, Ohio, married May Hamilton and has two children living, Mary C. and Henry W., Jr.; George W. is the subject of this review; Anna A. died, aged fourteen years, March 18, 1881.

In the common schools of Elyria George W. Ingersoll completed his preliminary educational training and he was graduated in the Elyria High School in 1884, at the age of nineteen years. He then purchased a book store in Elyria and conducted the same with marked success for a short time. He disposed of that business, however, on account of his health and went west to Colorado, where he obtained a tract of Government land on which he engaged in ranching for the ensuing three years. In 1886 he returned to Ohio and engaged in farming in the vicinity of Camden, Lorain County. He remained there for about three years and after his marriage, in 1889, located in Elyria Township, this county. Here he is the owner of a splendidly improved farm of 150 acres, the same being situated on Lake Avenue, just outside of the city limits of Elyria. He is engaged in the raising of high-grade stock and has met with remarkable success in his agricultural pursuits. The fine condition of his farm indicates good business management and everywhere can be seen signs of thrift and untiring industry. In politics Mr. Ingersoll is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies for which the republican party stands sponsor and he takes a public-spirited interest in everything calculated to advance the welfare of the community along material and moral lines. He is well known and highly respected throughout this section of the county.

September 18, 1889, in Elyria, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ingersoll to Miss Myrta Parmely, a daughter of Stanley M. and Mary (Sampson) Parmely, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ingersoll have an adopted daughter, Gladys, who is now attending high school.

The great-grandfather and the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Ingersoll on the paternal side were early residents in Connecticut and were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Asahel Parmely, grandfather of Mrs. Ingersoll, was a native of Vermont, and in August, 1817, in company with his parents, two brothers and his wife and two children, he came across the country in a covered wagon to Ohio. He settled, first, in Sullivan Township, Ashland County, and in 1829 removed to Elyria Township, Lorain County, and located on a farm which included all of George W. Ingersoll's and a part of an adjacent farm. He died January 4, 1859, and his wife survived him many years, passing away October 18, 1875. Two children were born to Asahel and his wife, Fannie (Wright) Parmely, in Vermont, and five others in Ohio. The first two were Hannah and Amandrin, the former of whom died in Medina County, Ohio, August 22, 1817, when the family was en route; she was buried in the woods. Amandrin was a farmer in Elyria Township for many years and his death occurred March 21, 1891; he married Emily Thomas. Concerning the five children born in Ohio the following facts are here inserted: Ashley, born February 21, 1818, married Julia Mann, and



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died in Ashland County, Ohio; Lovilla M., born May 11, 1822, died, unmarried, in Elyria, August 8, 1848; Rexaville E., born February 28, 1825, died, unmarried, in Elyria, May 23, 1848; Freeman, born November 17, 1828, married Pamelia Hecock, in 1851, and died January 10, 1893; and Stanley M., born in Elyria, April 18, 1830, died February 15, 1894.

Stanley M. Parmely, the youngest of the foregoing children, was the father of Mrs. Ingersoll. He married, in Chester, Massachusetts, January 25, 1855, Mary Sampson, who died on the old homestead in Elyria Township, December 6, 1915, aged eighty-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Parmely were born the following children: Nellie R. and Clara B. both died in childhood; Myrta P. is the wife of George W. Ingersoll, of this sketch; and Clarence D., born September 11, 1876, is engaged in farming on the parental estate in Elyria Township; he married, first, Gertrude Burlingame, who bore him one child, Mary Gladys, and for his second wife he married Margaret Tanswell. The second union was prolific of three children: Marian, who died at the age of two years; and Inez and Thelma, both living, in 1915.

Frederick S. Reefy. If the City of Elyria had wished to express through the character of one citizen its best ideals of thought and action during the past forty years, no one man could have represented those ideals so broadly and fully as the late Frederick S. Reefy. His death June 9, 1911, marked the passing of a citizen of remarkable character and activities. For nearly forty years he had been identified with local journalism as senior editor of the Elyria Democrat. His most attractive and valuable characteristic as an editor was that quality, now considered old fashioned, of vigorous, positive expression of conviction. He was never content to deliver the news alone, but made his paper an assertive force in the molding and converting of public opinion. However, there were many other interests and activities through which the influence of the late Mr. Reefy can be traced. Before taking up newspaper work he was an educator in Indiana and educated hundreds of boys and young women to lives of broad usefulness and honor. For years he stood for the best in the community, and is particularly remembered as an uncompromising opponent of the liquor interests. His love of flowers and birds and nature in all its manifestations was a trait of gentleness to be treasured in the memory of his friends. The influence which his character necessarily exerted cannot be measured by any of the ordinary standards of achievement.

The late Frederick S. Reefy was born in the little Village of Boetzingen at the foot of the Jura Mountains in Switzerland, September 1, 1833. He was of Swiss Huguenot ancestry, and true to his inheritance always showed an unconquerable love of freedom, an indomitable courage and ideals as lofty as the mountain peaks of his native land. A few months after his birth, his parents, Johan Heinrich and Marie (Gnaegi) Ryffe, started for America to realize in their own career the abundant opportunities of the New World. The father disposed of his land, gathered the household effects together, purchased wagons and some instruments of agriculture, and leaving the little village among the vineyards on March 28, 1834, transported their family to Havre de Grace, and thence came by a sailing vessel, which after thirty-five days on a stormy sea landed them safely in an American harbor. Going west to Cleveland, they found that city stricken with cholera, and hastened on by way of the Ohio Canal to Massillon and ended their long journey at Mount Eaton in Wayne County. They secured a tract of land which had been previously cleared, but which had only an unfinished log cabin upon it, and the father lived there

as a pioneer farmer and homesteader for a number of years. When the late Frederick S. Reefy was fifteen years old the family moved to Tuscarawas County to a farm of seventy-five acres near the Town of Wilmot.

Frederick S. Reefy was a fine type of the self-made man of the last century. Living in a time and under conditions which denied him the opportunities which are now so lavishly bestowed upon growing youth, he kept himself at the white heat of enthusiasm regardless of limitations and the obligations bestowed upon a simple country lad who from early youth had to bear his share of the strenuous toil needed to improve and develop a farm. He attended school during the winter months, and the few books which came into his possession he mastered with a consuming thirst for knowledge. It was in those years, in close touch with the wilderness, that he laid the lasting love and eagerness for his pursuits as a naturalist. In this way he continued to help his father on the home farm and store his mind with useful knowledge from every available source until the age of nineteen, when he was given a certificate and taught his first term of district school.

In the spring of 1860 he went to Roanoke, Indiana, and brought about the organization of the Roanoke Seminary, a co-educational institution. The building for the school was erected under his direction, and with his customary thoughtfulness for other generations set out a grove of young trees around it. For eight years he remained the honored and beloved head of the school and worked with self-sacrificing zeal and earnestness in behalf of its welfare. While always a deep student of books, his gifts as a teacher were not those of a mere book man. He was successful in developing enthusiasm and love of learning in his pupils, and in arousing in them those motives and desires which bring about well rounded and seasoned character. It is impossible to understand the far reaching influences of such a life as that of the late Frederick S. Reefy. The impress of his enthusiasm and lofty character was deeply laid in the lives of hundreds of young men and women who went out from his school to carry the message of his life to many diverse quarters and spheres of activity. While at Roanoke, in addition to his duties as head of the seminary, he also became superintendent of the sub-district schools of Huntington County. Hard and constant work finally undermined his health so that at the end of eight years he was obliged to give up the seminary and other duties, and in 1868 he moved to Bluffton. There, after recuperating, he organized the graded schools and was superintendent for four years. His services in that community were highly appreciated as they had been in Roanoke, and it was with general regret that he was finally obliged to leave that section of Indiana, on account of the malarial conditions of the country.

Thus in October, 1872, Professor Reefy became a resident of Elyria, where his brother, the late Dr. Philip D. Reefy, had established himself in practice about three years previously. In Elyria Professor Reefy bought the Lorain Constitution, a paper that had been established some seven or eight years, but whose fortunes had been one of many vicissitudes. He soon afterward introduced two changes in the name of the paper. The little Town of Black River had become Lorain, and thus he substituted Elyria for Lorain in the newspaper title, and subsequently in accordance with his political belief changed the word Constitution to Democrat, and since then the Elyria Democrat has been under the management and editorial direction of the Reefy family. As an editor Professor Reefy made his paper more than a mere party organ. He was an independent thinker and writer, and its opinions could never be influenced by any consideration, monetary or partisan. He always kept its rudder true to

the lofty ideals of his own character, and made the Democrat a worthy and frequently controlling influence in local affairs.

In his individual allegiance to the democratic party he showed all the courage and persistence of a real pioneer. For some ten or fifteen years after he took control of the Democrat, the party in Lorain County was in a hopeless minority, but in spite of this condition he never faltered in advocating the doctrines in which he believed, was the acknowledged leader of the party for many years, and in almost every campaign delivered speeches so that he became familiarly known in every school district in the county. As a party honor there was never one more worthily bestowed than when Mr. Reefy was appointed postmaster at Elyria under both the Cleveland administrations. He was a district delegate to the national convention in Chicago in 1896, and in many ways served the party well.

Outside of journalism and politics there were many other services which he rendered and for which he should be remembered. He was one of the prime movers in getting a supply of lake water for Elyria, and felt something of a personal triumph when that improvement became a realty. For years, in season and out, he fought strenuously for temperance, and was fearless and independent in his war against the saloon. In October, 1888, he was elected first president of the Elyria Board of Health upon its organization, and served continuously in that capacity until the close of his life. He was an active leader in the public health movement when comparatively little attention was given to those matters of public sanitation and general health which are now almost axiomatic in any community. He was also president of the Lorain County Humane Society, and was largely responsible for the organization of the Lorain County Historical Society. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the Knights of Honor and the National Union, and exemplified the best teachings of fraternalism in his own ready sympathy with need and distress. Though always a busy man, his studious pursuits gave him more than a casual knowledge of many branches of learning, and he was particularly interested in geology and archeology, and at the same time endeavored to make himself useful in such practical movements as farmers' institutes and in anything which would broaden and better country life. It was through his writings and descriptions and his personal leadership that the beautiful Cascade Park came to be appreciated by the people of the community. It is said that as a nature lover he knew the note and plumage of every native bird and knew the names and characteristics of all the trees and the varied flora of his section of Northern Ohio.

While living at Roanoke, Indiana, Professor Reefy was married July 10, 1862, to Miss Mary Shearer. At his death he was survived by Mrs. Reefy, a son Rollin T. Reefy, who had long been associated with his father in the management of the Democrat, and by four daughters: Eva L. Reefy, Ada H. Reefy, Alta M. Reefy and Mrs. P. H. Arnold.

It was in the words of an editorial written by the editor of the Elyria Telegram that the best appreciation of Professor Reefy's real life and service was expressed. The language of this editorial should be read as a proper conclusion to a brief sketch of one of Elyria's grand old men.

"On a bright sunny morning some fifteen years ago a gray haired man with a basket on his arm followed the winding river north of town. The basket was filled with butternuts, and inquiry revealed the purpose of the bearer to sow them along the river flats, so that butternut trees might be more abundant in this vicinity for the next generation. The gray bearded man who carried the basket was the late Professor F. S. Reefy. It is not important whether the trees grew or not. The spirit which in-

spired the planting was the spirit of unselfish service. The act was symbolical of the life and character of this generous hearted man, who sowed that others might reap. Of such disinterested usefulness, his days were full.

"Professor Reefy belonged to an old school and an earlier era in Elyria. The 'flood of years' which bears all before it has been sweeping old time figures from the field of action in the last few months—men who knew Elyria when it was hardly dreamt of as the present bustling, manufacturing community; when its prosperity was the thrifty activity of a rural business center, its charm the charm of simple suburban life, and its greatest asset the scenic beauty with which nature endowed it. Coming at this period and for nearly two score years serving as the veteran commentator and chronicler of his time, Professor Reefy belonged in this setting as much as the trees and other natural fixtures he loved so well. His pen, ever directed in behalf of any righteous cause, was made especially active in urging the conservation of the shrubs and trees and flowers and birds of this section. To Nature he was a devoted editor and an ever faithful lover.

"The grind of present day business life, even in towns so fortunate in natural environment as Elyria, tends to deaden and choke out the love of the beautiful, but the temperament and early associations of Professor Reefy had imbued him with admiration for the graces of nature that no stress or artificiality could eliminate. He realized the paucity of the grandest auditorium on earth as compared with the blue dome of heaven; the finest pictures of the great masters to him could not compare with the sylvan retreats by the riverside, made by the Creator with real rocks and trees and water and green grown banks; the sweetest music in the world to him was the song of a bird, the rustling of leaves and the sighing of restless branches in the treetops. And all the beneficence and sweet philosophy which Nature teaches was woven into his kindly soul.

"Although the Professor sought truth and beauty at first hand, he did not neglect the intellectual heritages of the past. He was as well a reader and student of the best prose and poetry, and many a pleasant call is treasured in our memory of occasions when this good neighbor slipped over with a bit of verse, perhaps clipped from some distant exchange, some rhythmic derelict of the journalistic sea, which he would divide and enjoy with another, before it floated into oblivion. By those who knew him best he will ever be remembered in his prime as an able and scholarly writer, a lover of good literature, a public spirited citizen and an editor who was true to his ideals and to his constituency. A more wholesome, useful life than this was never lived in this community, nor a purer soul never departed from it, but it has been truly said 'To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.'"

Addison Wells. Representing one of the fine older families of Lorain County, the late Addison Wells, though his life was not spared beyond his prime, should be remembered as one of the old soldiers who went out from this county during the critical period of the Civil war and who in all his relations bore himself honorably and faithfully.

Born in Lorain County in 1838, the late Addison Wells was a son of Harlow and Elmira (Kelsey) Wells. His parents came from Connecticut and settled in Lorain County in pioneer times, and established one of the early farms here. Addison Wells was educated in the district schools, learned farming and was already beginning an independent career when the war came on. He served with a creditable record in one of the Union regiments, and after the war returned to Lorain County and became identified with railroad work, being boss of a track

gang and was killed while engaged in his duties in 1880 at the age of forty-two.

In 1859 he married Miss Cynthia Lord, of Elyria Township. Their children were: George, who grew up and married; Clara, who died after her marriage; Charles, who died in childhood; Jessie, who died at the age of nineteen; Eugene, who is a mechanic living on the west side of Elyria, is a member of the Sons of Veterans, of the Loyal Order of Moose and other fraternities, and by his marriage has one child, Loree, now ten years of age. Mrs. Addison Wells now lives on Lake Avenue in Elyria Township, has a comfortable little homestead of 4½ acres, and is one of the highly esteemed women of that community.

Harry James Hecock, one of the older residents of Elyria Township, which has been his home since birth, is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Lorain County and his family have so identified themselves with this community as to deserve a permanent record on the pages of this publication.

Born in Elyria Township, June 4, 1836, Harry James Hecock is a son of Erastus and Eunice (Burrell) Hecock. His father came to Lorain County in 1817, almost a century ago, from Herkimer County, New York, and located on a farm in Sheffield Township. The Hecocks were among the prominent early settlers of old Sheffield, the centennial anniversary of whose founding was celebrated only recently. Erastus Hecock established his home where the tube mills now stand at Lorain. Five years later he removed from his first farm and engaged in the milling business, operating both a flour and sawmill at about the center of Sheffield Township. He supplied a service as miller to the community for some six or seven years, and then bought another farm in the southwest corner of Sheffield Township. There he erected a home, lived for ten years, and after a brief interval of two years during which he resumed milling, he spent the rest of his life on the old farm. He was killed while crossing the Lake Shore track between LaGrange and Carlisle townships, August 23, 1866. He was at that time seventy-three years of age. His widow survived him about thirty years, passing away at the age of ninety-four. Their seven children were: Permelia, born in 1828; Isaac, born in 1830; Hannah, born June 3, 1832; Harry J.; Celia, born in 1839; Hiram, born in 1841; and Silas. Of these children, Hannah, Harry and Silas are still living and are all residents of Elyria Township.

Harry James Hecock was educated in the district schools, and spent his boyhood and early youth on the homestead farm. He was brought up to agricultural pursuits, and has made that his main occupation throughout his career. On March 13, 1860, he married Miss Ellen Weeks, who was born in Dorchester, New Hampshire, but came as a girl to Elyria Township. The young couple began their housekeeping on Mr. Hecock's farm on Lake Avenue, and their first home was a few rods north of the present place. About thirty years ago Mr. Hecock moved to his present home, a neat and attractive residence, most eligibly located, since a few minutes ride takes him into the City of Elyria. When he bought the property it contained about one hundred and one and one-half acres, and he operated it as a general farming proposition for many years. About ten years ago he sold 92½ acres, and that tract is now cut up into town lots. Mr. Hecock has a comfortable little estate of about six acres, and that furnishes him all the employment which his energetic nature demands. He also owns an interest in a large greenhouse located near his home, a little east of Lake Avenue.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hecock was born three children:

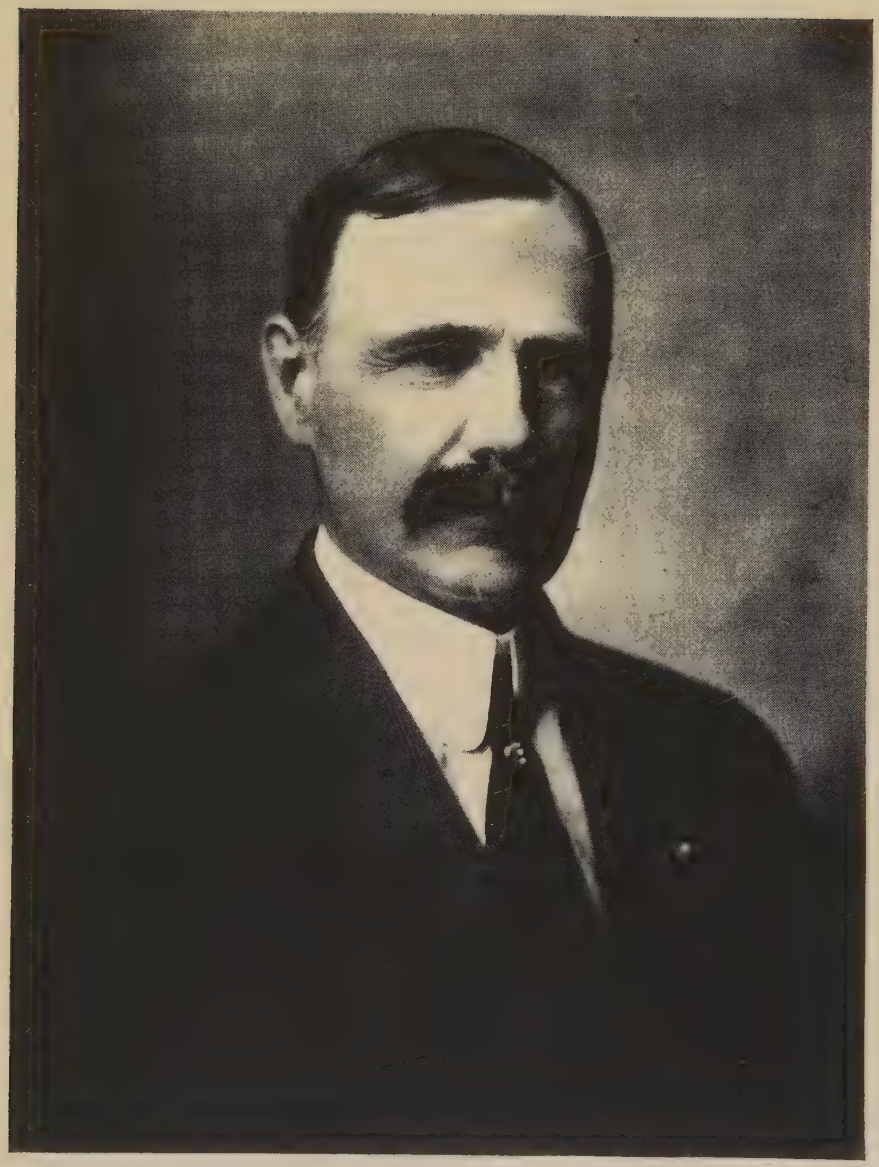
Arthur, born in 1861, died at the age of twenty-seven, after his marriage to Harriet Woodruff, who is now living in California; Stella died at the age of twenty-eight; Brackett is now in the lumber and coal business in Elyria. Mrs. Hecock died March 27, 1913, aged seventy-two years.

HENRY M. ANDRESS. One of the most influential figures in the business community of Elyria for nearly forty years has been Henry M. Andress. He was one of the builders and is still owner of a third interest in the Andwur Hotel, the largest and finest hotel in Elyria and one of the best in Northern Ohio. His associate in establishing this hostelry was Henry W. Wurst, and when it came to selecting a name they combined the first three letters in each of their individual names and thus evolved the present title by which the hotel is known all over Lorain County and to hosts of traveling men. Mr. Wurst finally sold his third interest in the hotel to Charles E. Wilson. Mr. Andress has for many years been one of the leading authorities on local real estate and has done much to improve a large amount of property in and about the city.

His interests are of wide variety and extent. He is now serving as treasurer of the Lorain County Agricultural Society. For a number of years he has been one of the principal automobile dealers and agents in Elyria. Up to November, 1913, he handled the Studebaker car, but since that date his son George H. has assumed the individual management of the Studebaker agency. As automobile dealers the business was formerly carried on under the name of H. M. Andress & Son, but Mr. Andress is now a dealer under his individual name, and is handling the agency exclusively for the Cadillac cars in Lorain and Medina counties. It is a matter of interest to automobile circles that Mr. Andress sold at Elyria one of the first hundred cars ever turned out by the Studebaker plant. Since 1909 he has handled the Cadillac and has been very successful in promoting the sale of that popular car. In 1914 he built the new garage on Broad Street, a two-story building on a foundation 27x110 feet, the type of construction being what is known as steel girder. Two weeks from the time the first brick was laid, the roof was on complete, and this made a record job in Lorain County. Mr. Andress continued business in the old building while the new was being constructed, and this one location has been his headquarters for more than twenty-five years. A slogan by which his business is well advertised throughout Lorain County and which is singularly appropriate is "H. M. A. Here to Stay."

Born on a farm in Henrietta Township of Lorain County June 19, 1855, Henry M. Andress is a son of Carlo and Welthy (Smith) Andress. His father was born in Essex County, New York, November 6, 1804, and was one of the early settlers of Ohio, going to that state at the age of fourteen. He was one of the early farmers in Henrietta Township, cleared and improved the land, and lived there until 1868, when he removed to Oberlin College to educate his children. He died in that old college town November 8, 1870. His wife was born August 16, 1815, in Poughkeepsie, New York.

As a boy Henry M. Andress attended local schools, completed his education in Oberlin College, and after some experience as a teacher himself took up a mercantile career. He ran a meat market at Birmingham, but in 1876 was appointed bookkeeper in the store of Hannan & Obitts, grocers and hardware merchants at Elyria. Not long afterwards he became associated with Henry W. Wurst, who had also been an employe of Hannan & Obitts. Mr. Andress laid the foundation for his present enterprise as an automobile dealer a great many years before the automobiles were thought of. In 1877 he and John T. Houghton entered the livery business, but he bought out his partner in a year, and for twenty-five years con-



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ducted one of the best equipped barns in Northern Ohio. He also began dealing in horse vehicles of all kinds, keeping a large stock of carriages, and from that naturally turned to dealing in automobiles. For a number of years he has also been one of the leading dealers in local real estate. He is a director in the Elyria Savings & Banking Company, was formerly a member of the Elyria Public Service Board, and for two years its president, and his authoritative knowledge of real estate values caused him in 1910 to be appointed a member of the board of appraisers of real property for its quadrennial session in Elyria.

Mr. Andress' only fraternal relations are with Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and of the Elyria Automobile Club. Mr. Andress has three children: Maude M., who completed her education in the Maryland College at Lutherville, Maryland, married Kenneth Duryea, of El Paso, Texas; Jean, wife of J. V. Dillman of Cleveland, and they have two children, Harriet and John; and George H., who for a number of years has been his father's right hand man in business affairs, married Laura Waite, and has one child, Maude.

Fred L. Hall. In the last half dozen years the name Fred L. Hall has become very familiarly associated with the larger business affairs at Oberlin, and he is known as the man chiefly responsible for the introduction of natural gas into this little city. Mr. Hall is an old and experienced operator in gas fields, having been identified with the fields of Western Virginia, and he spent practically all his career in West Virginia until his removal to Oberlin in 1909.

He was born at Wellsburg in the extreme northern end of the West Virginia panhandle above Wheeling on December 21, 1864, a son of Augustus C. and Mary Elizabeth (Morton) Hall. His paternal grandfather was Francis P. Hall, and both father and grandfather were natives of Germany. Augustus C. Hall was born in Germany in 1836 and died in August, 1904. His wife was born in Pennsylvania in 1840 and is still living. He came over to America with his parents when seven years of age, and after landing at New Orleans came north to Cincinnati and finally located at Wellsburg, West Virginia. Augustus C. Hall spent his active career as a merchant, and was in one store for fifty-three years. During the Civil war he served in Company K of the West Virginia Regiment and continued active until illness compelled him to leave the army. He was a democrat in politics, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Episcopal faith. Grandfather Hall was noted as a restless traveler, and in 1849 went out to the California gold fields and secured some modest fortune by his ventures in that district. Augustus C. Hall and wife are the parents of nine children. The six now living are: Clara McElroy, whose husband is a contractor at Wellsburg; William A., interested in the glass business at Wellsburg, West Virginia; John M., connected with glass manufacturing at Wellsburg; Leonard J., a merchant tailor at Wellsburg; and Mrs. Earl Mahon, a widow living at Wellsburg.

Fred L. Hall grew up in his native city, obtained his education in the local schools, and when only fourteen years of age began as a boy helper in a glass house. After a year and a half there he learned the tailor's trade, and that was his regular vocation in Wellsburg for thirty years. During the '80s, when the oil and gas fields were developed in Southwestern Pennsylvania and West Virginia, Mr. Hall made some investments along that line and has kept it up ever since, and has made most of his modest fortune in gas and real estate. In September, 1909, he

moved to Oberlin where he established his sons in the merchant tailoring business.

On coming to Oberlin he leased and formed the Pittsfield Gas Company of Oberlin, and this company began active drilling operations in Erie and Lorain counties. Prior to that time Oberlin was burning artificial gas at a price of more than a dollar a thousand. It is estimated that the introduction of natural gas through the company headed by Mr. Hall has effected a saving of fully seven thousand dollars per month during the winter season. The company is incorporated at $60,000 with Mr. Hall as president and general manager. More than any other person he has been responsible for the development of gas in Lorain County, and his company has invested fully two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in pipes and apparatus for supplying of gas and fuel.

In 1914 Mr. Hall leased over six thousand acres of ground in and about Vermilion, Ohio, and in 1916 a very strong company was organized and incorporated under the style of the Ajax Gas & Oil Company. It is incorporated under the laws of Ohio and with a capital stock of $50,000. The officers are: T. B. Grant, of Oberlin, president; F. L. Hall, vice president, treasurer and general manager; W. S. Hall, secretary; and directors, E. M. Grant, F. L. Hall, J. H. McDermott, A. M. Snyder and J. H. McGrew.

At different times Mr. Hall has had some prominent financiers of the East associated with him, among them the late H. Clark Ford, who died in 1915. Another associate is Mr. Alonzo Snyder, of Cleveland.

On September 17, 1884, Mr. Hall married Mary E. Little, who was born in Newport, Ohio, daughter of Nathaniel Little of that town, who was a manufacturer at Wellsburg, West Virginia. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall were born six children: Carl N., associated with his father; William S., a merchant tailor of Cleveland, and also interested in the gas industry; Fred L., now in South Dakota; Lucy V., who is teaching in Florida and has attended the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin; Gertrude B., in college in Florida; and Mary E., living at home.

John Blaine Johnson is general manager of the Lorain County Electric Company, which as the result of concentration and consolidation now has an immense plant supplying electrical energy for lighting and power purposes to all quarters of Lorain County and even beyond the county limits.

He is one of a staff of expert electrical engineers who have grown up in the service of the extensive public utility corporation known as Henry L. Doherty and Company of New York City. In his work Mr. Johnson has been associated with the Denver Gas and Electric Light Company at Denver, Colorado; the Fremont Gas, Electric Light and Power Company of Fremont, Nebraska; the Massillon Electric and Gas Company of Massillon, Ohio, and the Lorain County Electric Company, all of which are subsidiaries of the Cities Service Company, operated by the Doherty corporation.

Mr. Johnson was born at Marathon, Iowa, December 17, 1884, a son of Charles X. and Hulda A. Johnson. He received his preliminary training in the grade and high schools at Hot Springs, South Dakota, where his parents still reside. In 1909 he graduated bachelor of science in the electrical engineering course from the University of Nebraska, and starting at the bottom in his profession has rapidly advanced to his present place of responsibility.

His first practical experience after leaving the university was as a cadet engineer performing all kinds of work from rough labor to office

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duties with the Denver Gas and Electric Company. He began there in July, 1909, and in December, 1910, was transferred to Fremont, Nebraska, as distribution superintendent in charge of the rebuilding of gas and electric distribution system. In May, 1912, Mr. Johnson was transferred from Fremont to Massillon, Ohio, as superintendent of the Massillon Electric and Gas Company. In March, 1914, the company sent him to Elyria as superintendent of the property now included in the Lorain County Electric Company, and he was made general manager of this extensive business in September, 1915.

Mr. Johnson is a republican, a member of the Masonic Order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and while in college belonged to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Club of New York City.

Henry W. Wurst. One of the most easily identified citizens of Lorain County is Henry W. Wurst, whose name is associated with a number of the most familiar and important business enterprises and industries of the cities of Elyria and Lorain, and who for many years has helped to supply the capital, the energy and the enthusiasm required in the upbuilding of a prosperous city. Mr. Wurst has not been numbered among the wealthy and fortunate all his life, and truly began his career at the bottom of the ladder, climbing slowly up by industry, faithfulness and integrity.

Born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, November 7, 1849, he is a son of Eckert and Elizabeth (May) Wurst. His father was born and reared in Germany, and before leaving that country became an expert stone cutter. In 1859 he brought his family to the United States, and from Amherst, his first location in Lorain County, he moved in about a year to Elyria, where his death occurred in 1855 at the age of thirty-three. His widow subsequently married John Brell, and lived in Elyria until her death at the age of eighty-three December 11, 1908. Henry W. was the oldest of the three children born to his father, while his brother Samuel E. is a poultry breeder of Elyria and Mary is the wife of John Daney of that city.

From the age of eleven Henry W. Wurst became dependent upon his own efforts. He was only six when his father died, and when his mother married about five years later he determined to shift for himself and make his own way in the world. His education in the meantime had consisted of a few months of district schooling each winter. In 1861 he entered upon his first stage in business, working for Charles A. Parks, an Elyria grocer, for only board and clothes. The agreement was that at the end of four years he was also to have $5 in cash, but in lieu of this payment he took a swarm of bees. After the close of the war he worked on a farm in Ridgeville and attended school in the winter, and was also employed by Mrs. Charles Arthur Ely for a time. At the age of seventeen Mr. Wurst made arrangements with Daniel M. Fisher by which he was to get wages of $15 per month and board during the summer, and in the winter was to get board and the privilege of attending school. As a result of all this work and self denial he finally acquired the equivalent of a common school education.

His most important start as a business man came when he entered the employ of Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson, one of the leading mercantile firms of Lorain County at the time, his wages being $75 for the first year and board. For the second year the firm raised his salary to $150, and continued to promote him financially and in responsibilities each succeeding year. Mr. Wurst continued four years as the firm's successors, Hannan & Obitts. His career as an independent business man

began October 2, 1875, when he and Henry M. Andress bought out the grocery and crockery department of Hannan & Obitts. The firm of Andress & Wurst continued about six months, when Mr. Wurst bought his partner's interest and continued as a crockery and grocery merchant for five years. He bought the frame building on West Broad Street which occupied the site on which the Wurst Block now stands, and moving his store to that locality continued his business five years, until the building was destroyed by fire in 1885. At that time he replaced the frame structure with the substantial Wurst Block, and continued merchandising until 1892.

A large part of Mr. Wurst's success has been in handling and improving real estate. His record as a builder includes the construction of something more than 150 residences, many of which are still under his ownership. The largest and best hotel of Elyria is the Andwur Hotel, in which Mr. Wurst owned a third interest for a number of years, and in that time he twice remodeled and enlarged the building. He finally sold his interest to Charles E. Wilson. This hotel gets its name by a combination of the first three letters in the names of both Mr. Wurst and Mr. Andress. Mr. Wurst was also one of the incorporators of the old Elyria Block, but sold his interests before that structure was burned in 1909. In the City of Lorain his enterprise has been equally important, and he was one of the builders of the Lorain Block, the largest store and office building in that city, was also one of the builders of the Kent Block and owned part of the Chapman Block in that city. He is one of the proprietors of the tract of 155 acres known as the Lorain Realty Company's Addition to Lorain. As a banker Mr. Wurst is treasurer of the Elyria Savings & Loan Company, a director in the Elyria Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Company, and a stock holder in the Penfield Avenue Savings Bank of Lorain. He was one of the incorporators of The Perry-Fay Manufacturing Company of Elyria, and is vice president and director of The Fay Stocking Company, being one of the leading men in this organization, and is sole owner of the Ohio Nursery & Supply Company. He is a director of the Elyria Telephone Company and works actively with the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. In November, 1909, he was made a member of the Board of Appraisers of real property, which early in the following year began the revision of the valuation of real property for taxation purposes at Elyria, with Mr. Wurst as chairman of the board. In politics he is a republican.

November 27, 1873, he married Miss Ella J. Robson. She is a native of Ridgeville, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Tong) Robson, who came from England. Earl H. Wurst, the oldest son of Mr. Wurst, is a successful young business man of Elyria, Ohio, and by his marriage to Ella M. Hirsching of Elyria has two children named Gertrude V. and Nellie L. Charles J. Wurst, the younger son, a jeweler, married Mabel L. Quayle of Elyria, and they have one child, John H.

Stephen M. Cole. One of the veteran citizens and business men of Oberlin is Stephen M. Cole, president of the S. M. Cole & Sons Lumber Company. The Cole family has lived in Oberlin practically seventy years. Mr. Cole himself has been in business there the greater part of his active career. He is one of the survivors of the great Civil war and has also manifested a sterling patrotism and public spirit in all his civic relations. He was born in Delaware County, Ohio, September 29, 1839, a son of Stephen W. and Elizabeth (Cockran) Cole. The grandfather was also Stephen Cole, a native of Connecticut, whence he moved to Fredericktown, Ohio, in the early days, and acquired a large tract of

land there. The Coles came to America from England during the colonial period of settlement. Mr. Cole's maternal grandfather, Samuel Cockran, was a native of Pennsylvania, but afterwards settled on a farm and died near Fredericktown, Ohio. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. Five of his children attended Oberlin College, four of them graduating, and two sons, Samuel and William Cockran, became ministers, one of them died young while the other lived to be ninety-three. Stephen W. Cole was born in Connecticut in 1802 and died in 1879. His wife was born in Pennsylvania in 1805 and died in 1900. They were married at Fredericktown, Ohio, where they had been reared from early youth. Stephen W. Cole brought his family to Oberlin in 1845, and his name was associated with that section of Lorain County for many years. He helped build the First Congregational Church of Oberlin, of which he was an active member for many years. He was a farmer by occupation and owned a good farm in this county. First a whig and later a republican, he was a very strong abolitionist before the war and he did much to elevate the standards of schools, and of all institutions in his locality. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, and three now living are: Stephen M.; Frances, wife of Chambers D. Reamer, a well to do retired clothing merchant of Oberlin; and Samuel Cole, a real estate man at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Stephen M. Cole grew up in Lorain County and was a student in Oberlin College, but, to quote his own words, graduated while in the army. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Seventh Ohio Infantry, and saw an active service covering three years, three months. He was in a great many campaigns and important battles. At Cross Lane, West Virginia, he was captured and was held in Confederate prisons for ten months, at Richmond, New Orleans and Salisbury, North Carolina. After being exchanged he rejoined his regiment, in time to fight at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and was in many other well known conflicts of the war. He was several times slightly wounded, and at Chancellorsville sustained quite severe wounds.

After the war he returned to Oberlin and entered college with the intention of completing his course. However, after his army experience had rapidly matured him, he changed his mind and instead of getting a complete education went to Gibralter, Michigan, and took up a new farm, to which he gave his work for three years. He then went to Northwest Missouri, spent some time at Kidder and then bought a farm at Hamilton. After three years of this experience he then went to Oberlin and has since been engaged in the lumber and building material business. He has furnished supplies for a great many of the homes constructed in Oberlin.

In the way of public service Mr. Cole served six years as street commissioner at Oberlin, has been a member of the council, and is in many ways a booster for his home town. In politics he is a republican, is an active member of the Grand Army Post, and he and his wife and daughter are members of the First Congregational Church of Oberlin.

In 1864 Mr. Cole married Rose A. Kelley, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Their family consists of three children: Edith M., who graduated from Oberlin College and was principal of the Academy for several years, but is now the wife of H. C. Shattuck, a Cincinnati attorney; Percy C., who is actively associated in business with his father at Oberlin; and George, who is engaged in the lumber business in the West.

Albert Monroe is a Lorain County citizen well known for his activities in different cities and towns, and for the past six years has been one of the enterprising factors in the village of Grafton, where he is now serving as mayor. By trade he is a baker, an occupation he

learned back in his native England, and he has the chief establishment in that line at Grafton.

Born in the City of Boston, England, February 16, 1863, he is a son of Henry and Mary (Wingad) Monroe. With a common school education, at the age of fifteen he began learning his trade, and for three years worked hard as an apprentice without wages. Mr. Monroe was seventeen years of age when he came to America in 1880. Arriving at Lakeside, Ohio, where an aunt lived at the time, he was employed during the following summer by the Lakeside Company, and then moved to Elyria, where for six years he was a journeyman baker.

On June 30, 1884, Mr. Monroe was married in Elyria to Miss Cora Trask. She was born at Ripon, Wisconsin, but at the time of her marriage was living at Elyria. Her parents were Lowell and Marietta (Demming) Trask.

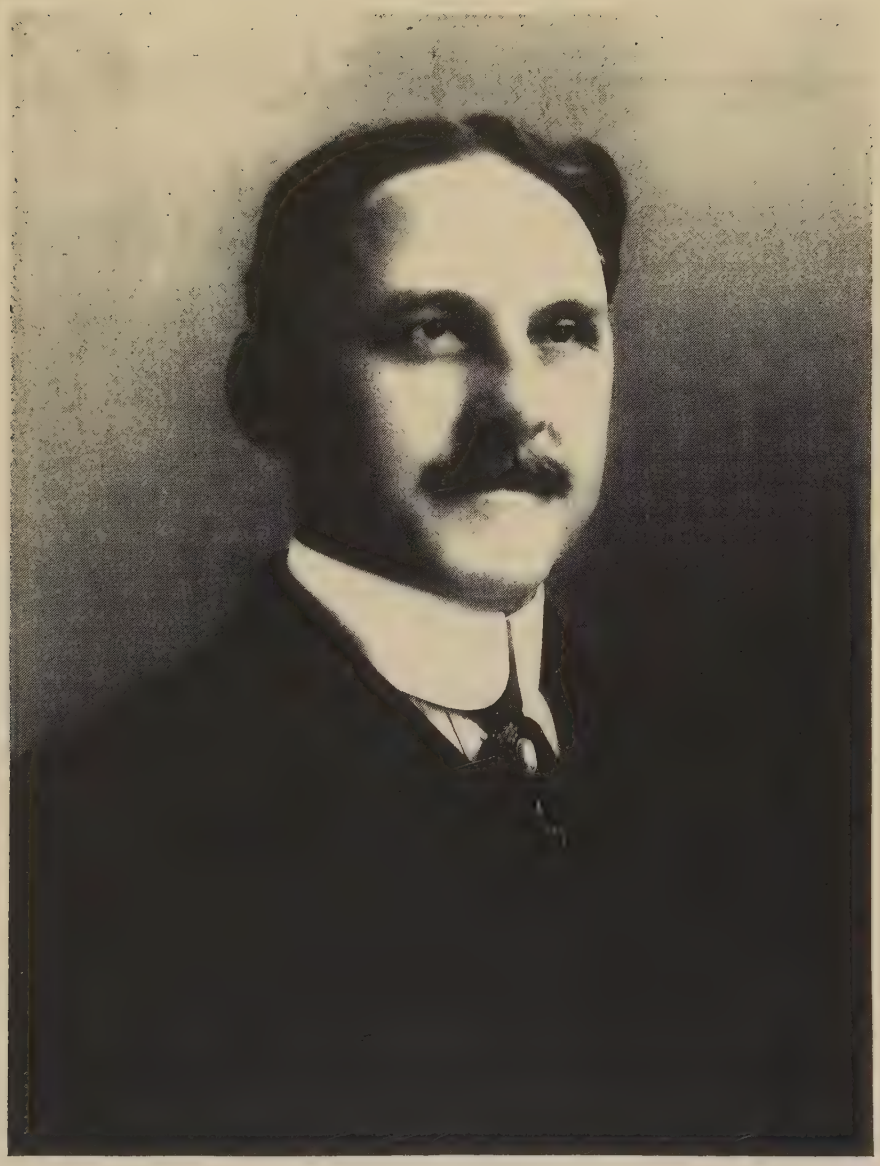
In 1887 Mr. Monroe moved to Oberlin, and there began business for himself and for a time was a partner with G. W. Preston. In 1893, on account of his wife's poor health, he moved his family out to California and located at San Bernardino, where he was in business for two years. Returning to Oberlin, he resumed the baking business there but at the end of twelve years found his health greatly depleted, and for that reason he gave up the confining work of his trade and bought a grocery store. Afterwards he sold out and purchased a farm in Troy Township of Portage County, where he remained an active agriculturist for two years. By outdoor work he completely recovered his health, and then sold out and moved to Grafton in 1910. Here he bought the well-established bakery of J. H. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe are the parents of six children, four of them still living: Myrta, born in Elyria, married J. H. Andrews, and they have a child, Helen, and the family reside at Colton, California. Clara, who was born at Lima, Ohio, married Harlan Cordrey, and they live at Garrett, Indiana, and have two children Cyril and Albert. Edmond, who was born in Oberlin, is a graduate of the Grafton High School and is now learning his father's business. Mary, born at Oberlin, is a member of the 1916 class in the Grafton High School.

A republican voter since he cast his first ballot for James G. Blaine, Mr. Monroe has always been a loyal and public spirited citizen in every community where he lived. Since coming to Grafton he has served as a member of the city council, was president of that body for more than a year, and when Mayor Finlayson resigned to become postmaster he accepted the vacancy, and in 1915 was elected for the regular term of two years as chief executive of this little city. Mr. Monroe is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as are also his wife and children. He has a prominent part in church affairs, has served in church offices and also as superintendent of Sunday School. Besides his property interests at Grafton he owns a residence in Cleveland.

Maurice E. Hendricks. Elyria since becoming an industrial city has attracted to its citizenship many capable technical men from all over the country. Among these is Maurice E. Hendricks, who has since lived at Elyria since 1902, has been identified with several of the Garford enterprises here, and since 1908 has been superintendent of The Machine Parts Company. He began his career as a watchmaker in Elgin, Illinois, and for fully a quarter of a century has filled responsible positions in various industries in different parts of the country.

Born at Elgin, Illinois, December 23, 1868, he is a son of Albert R. and Anna Elizabeth (Russell) Hendricks. His father was born in the old Baltic seaport of Danzig, Prussia, and when twelve years of age



Maurice E. Hendricks

came to the United States with his parents, who settled at Palestine, Illinois. However, he grew to manhood in the home of an uncle, who took him to New Orleans, Louisiana, and there he learned the machinist's trade. He was a particularly competent tool maker and mechanical engineer, and is now living retired at Monrovia, California. After finishing his apprenticeship, he became a journeyman, and as is not infrequently the rule in the ranks of that profession he lived in many different localities during his active career. He was working at his trade in Philadelphia when he met and married Miss Russell, who was born in Philadelphia, of an old Dutch family. She died in July, 1896, while they were living at Erie, Pennsylvania. There were five sons and one daughter, Maurice being the third in age, and all are still living.

The only one of these children now living in Ohio, Maurice E. Hendricks as a boy attended the public schools of Elgin, Illinois, and from school entered the Elgin watch factory as an apprentice. He learned a trade there and remained in that city for about six years. Having become an expert watch tool maker, he finally left Elgin and went to Canton, Ohio, where he spent about three years in making watch cases and watches in the great Dueber-Hampden Watch Factory in that city. From Canton he returned to Elgin, later entered a watch factory at Aurora, Illinois, moving from there to Chicago, and finally to Erie, Pennsylvania, from which city he came to Elyria in 1902. His early employment was altogether in watch factories, but at Erie, Pennsylvania, he became connected with the Black Manufacturing Company, builders of the Tribune bicycles. On coming to Elyria in 1902 Mr. Hendricks entered The Federal Manufacturing Company's plant, manufacturers of bicycle saddles and pedals. The Federal Manufacturing Company was the big corporation which for a time largely controlled the output of bicycle saddles and had plants at different cities in the country, and the enterprise at Elyria was largely the outgrowth of the business of A. L. Garford and subsequently the concern was incorporated in the Garford Company, and its product largely changed to the manufacture of automobile parts. In this plant Mr. Hendricks became foreman tool maker. Later he went with The Machine Parts Company when that firm was organized in 1907, and has been with it continuously for eight years as superintendent. The Machine Parts Company manufactures wheel goods, screw machine products and fine reed furniture.

During his residence in Elyria Mr. Hendricks has also identified himself closely with the civic and social life of the city. He is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. On January 3, 1890, at Elgin, Illinois, he married Miss Jennie I. Ellmore, daughter of William C. and Elmira (Dedrich) Ellmore, both of whom are now living at South Bend, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks became the parents of two sons. Albert Ellwood, who was born at Elgin, is a mechanical engineer and lives in Chicago, Illinois. William Ellmore, the younger son, was born in Canton, and died at the age of twenty-three in Elyria January 20, 1913. He was also a mechanical engineer, and both sons were educated in the public schools of Erie, Pennsylvania, and Elyria, Ohio. William E. Hendricks at his death left a widow, whose maiden name was Miss Hazel Salisbury of Elyria, and two children, named Maurice Charles and Maxine Eleanor.

James M. Kelly. Forty years ago James M. Kelly was a hard working mechanic engaged in operating an engine at Amherst in Lorain County. Hard work has brought its reward and for a number of years he has lived at Oberlin and from that place has directed the management of two fine farms in Lorain County.

He was born in Russia Township of Lorain County October 11, 1851, a son of Nathan and Jane (Davis) Kelly. Nathan Kelly was born in Vermont in 1830 and died in September, 1914, being a son of Richard Kelly, a native of the same state, who in the early '40s brought his family to Lorain County and located in Henrietta Township. The grandfather cleared up a small farm and lived there until his death. Nathan Kelly was married in Lorain County to Miss Jane Davis who was born in Michigan in 1835.

James M. Kelly was one of six children and as a boy he spent his time on the farm and attended country school. His first regular occupation as already noted was in running an engine at Amherst, an employment he followed four or five years. He then managed to buy a small tract of land in Henrietta Township, and he made that the scene of his farming industry and his home until twenty-four years ago. He then rented his farm and bought another place in Russia Township. Mr. Kelly still owns both of these farms, but in 1903 moved to a comfortable town home at Oberlin and from that point has directed the management of his farms.

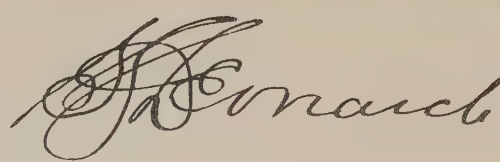
In January, 1878, he married Mary Bell, daughter of Henry Bell. Her father was a native of West Virginia and came to Ohio before the Civil war and in 1864 bought a farm in Lorain County, which he occupied until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have two children: Eura is the wife of Paul Wood, foreman of the Dean Electric Company at Elyria, Ohio; and Otta, a druggist at Oberlin, who completed a course in pharmacy at the Ohio Northern University at Ada.

Mr. Kelly is well known both in business and social affairs, is a republican in politics, was elected township trustee in 1907 and has held that office ever since, and is also a director in the Oberlin Banking Company. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

D. S. Husted. One of the eldest active members in the dental profession in Lorain County is Dr. D. S. Husted of Oberlin. He was graduated in dentistry thirty years ago and for fully a quarter of a century has been continuously at work in his profession at Oberlin.

Born at Clarksfield, Huron County, Ohio, March 17, 1861, he represents some early pioneer stock in Ohio. His parents were Hoyt and Anna C. (Stone) Husted. His grandfather Samuel Husted came to Ohio from Connecticut and was an early farmer. The maternal grandfather Daniel Stone was born at Danbury, Connecticut, and followed the trade by which Danbury has become famous as an industrial center, being a hatter, but in 1829 he came west to Ohio, making the journey by the Erie canal, which had been in operation then only about four years. After coming to Ohio he followed farming. Hoyt Husted was born in Connecticut in 1813 and died in 1866. By his first marriage to Sarah Gray he had four children, and two of his sons, Henry and Evelyn, were both soldiers in the Civil war. Henry was reported missing at Goldsboro, North Carolina, while Evelyn was wounded at Gettysburg and died soon afterward. Hoyt Husted was married at Clarksville, Ohio, after the death of his first wife to Anna Stone, who was born at Danbury, Connecticut, November 6, 1823, was brought to Northern Ohio by her parents when about six years of age and she died September 23, 1909. After the death of her first husband she married Samuel Gray. Hoyt Husted and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics he was a republican. He was a miller and carpenter by trade.

Doctor Husted, who was the only child of his parents, acquired a liberal education, having attended Oberlin College three years, after



which he entered the dental department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated D. D. S. in 1885. Returning to Oberlin, he was for two years engaged in practice with a half-brother, and then practiced for three years at Troy, Ohio. He permanently located at Oberlin in 1890 and has made his profession his chief interest and has always enjoyed a large and profitable practice.

On April 25, 1889, Dr. Husted married Elizabeth Hurlburt. She was born in Decorah, Iowa, but was reared in Amherst, Lorain County. Her father, Elijah Hurlburt, was an attorney by profession, but died when Mrs. Husted was only a few weeks old. To their marriage have been born three children: Howard, who was graduated from Oberlin College in 1914, and is now teacher of physical training in the Public Schools in Cincinnnati; Edith, who graduated from Oberlin in 1915, is teacher of German and Latin in an Academy in South Dakota, and will sail August 26, 1916, for Kobe, Japan, where she is to take up work as a missionary; Anna is still attending school. Doctor and Mrs. Husted take a very active part in the First Congregational Church of Oberlin, and in politics he is a republican.

Samuel S. Leonard. The spirit of twentieth century enterprise which has stimulated and produced in such an important degree the development of many industrial centers has one of its conspicuous illustrations at Elyria in The Western Automatic Machine Screw Company. This concern, which was established in 1873, has done not a little to increase the prominence of Elyria industrially and make the city known for its products far beyond the boundaries of the home state. While the main office and factory are located in Elyria, the company maintains a branch office and warehouse at Cleveland and a branch sales office at Detroit. This company manufactures practically any type of screw machine product, including set and cap screws, plain and castellated nuts, automobile, gas and gasoline engine parts, besides a large amount of special work in iron, steel or brass.

As vice president and manager of The Western Automatic Machine Screw Company, Samuel S. Leonard is one of the forceful men of the industrial community, and has shown no less public spirit in connection with all the important movements and undertakings that have helped to make Elyria a city during recent years. Mr. Leonard, who comes of a family of industrial workers, was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, February 20, 1854, a son of Thomas W. and Sarah E. (Schenck) Leonard, who were also natives of Massachusetts. Some generations back three brothers named Leonard came from England and settled in the vicinity of Taunton, Massachusetts. They were among the first to engage in the iron business in New England, operating a large plant near Taunton, and the iron industry which they established and built up continued as a flourishing enterprise until about 1912. Thomas W. Leonard had become identified with manufacturing with his father many years ago in New England, but later became an oil merchant in New York City, and that was his business until his death in 1890, when about fifty-eight years of age. His widow is still living, a resident of Montclair, New Jersey, and at the time of this writing (1915) is eighty-four years of age. Of the seven children in the family, three daughters and four sons, one died in infancy, and the four now living are S. S. Leonard; Charles H., a resident of New York; Louise Cuyler, wife of George G. Gleason of Montclair, New Jersey; and Carrie W., a school teacher in Bayonne, New Jersey.

The only one of the family living in Ohio, Samuel S. Leonard spent most of his early years in New York and New England, but has since

been identified with a number of the larger cities in the Middle West. He obtained his early education in the public schools of Brooklyn, attended a military school at Stamford, Connecticut, and his first training in a business way was acquired by three years of work in a broker's office on Wall Street in New York City, and with a facetious reference to this time Mr. Leonard sometimes says that if he had hung around Wall Street until the present time there might have been a firm known as "Morgan & Leonard." However, he seems to have followed his better destiny, and from the broker's office went into the firm of Howard Sanger & Company, extensive importers of notions and hosiery. He was with them two years, and then went West to Mount Sterling, Illinois, and for eight years was a clerk in the general store of E. F. Crane. About that time Mr. Crane organized and established the First National Bank of Mount Sterling, and Mr. Leonard was active as an assistant to the banker. He also started his own home while at Mount Sterling. In that town on November 18, 1875, he married Miss Priscilla D. Adams, daughter of Thomas S. and Sarah (Birdsall) Adams, of an old family in that Illinois locality, where her father was an extensive cattle dealer and had also served as county treasurer. Mrs. Leonard was born at Mount Sterling, educated in the public schools, and also at the seminary for young women located at Jacksonville, Illinois.

His employment in the First National Bank at Mount Sterling Mr. Leonard continued until about 1880. He then removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was located in that metropolis of the Northwest for eight years, four years of which time were spent as manager for the Brush Electric Light Company. From Minneapolis he moved to Chicago where he had his headquarters for about a year, and then located at Cleveland, where he engaged in manufacturing as secretary of The Hill Clutch Company. Mr. Leonard's name as a manufacturer is also as well known in Cleveland as in Elyria, since he was one of the active men of that city for about sixteen years. In February, 1906, he came to Elyria, and has since been one of the live men in the building of The Western Automatic Machine Screw Company and is now its vice president and manager. This company employs a large number of skilled workers, and at the present time its business is so large that the plant is operated night and day.

During 1913 Mr. Leonard was president of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and is now on its advisory board, an office to which each outgoing president automatically succeeds. He is also a director of The National Bank of Elyria, is vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association and one of those most active in the campaign for raising money to construct the splendid Young Men's Christian Association Building, which is an object of pride to all Elyria citizens. He is also a member of the Elyria Memorial Hospital Association. In politics he is a republican, and is both a York and Scottish Rite Mason. He is affiliated with Halcyon Lodge No. 498, Free and Accepted Masons at Cleveland; Thatcher Chapter No. 101, Royal Arch Masons of Cleveland; Elyria Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masters; Forest City Commandery No. 40, Knights Templar at Cleveland; Lake Erie Consistory of the thirty-second degree Scottish Rite and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine, both of Cleveland. He is a past commander of Forest City Commandery of the Knights Templar. His church home is the First Congregational at Elyria, in which his wife is one of the most active workers and is now a deaconess. Mr. Leonard finds his chief recreation in golf and gardening, and is one of the directors of the Elyria Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have one daughter, Louise A., who was born

at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is now the wife of J. H. Black of Mason City, Iowa, manager there for the Lehigh Portland Cement Company. They have one child, Richard Leonard Black. Mrs. Black was educated in Cleveland, is a graduate of the West High School of that city with the class of 1905, and in 1907 completed the course in the Kindergarten School of Oberlin College.

Alfred E. Hale. One of the most competent citizens and business men in the district surrounding Oberlin is Alfred E. Hale, recognition of which fact has recently been made in his election to the office of county commissioner in 1914. He is now giving an excellent administration of that office. Mr. Hale has kept his career closely identified with the country life of Lorain County for many years, has been a factor in the cheese and butter industry and for a number of years has operated a high class dairy near Oberlin.

He was born in Henrietta township, Lorain County, March 23, 1864, a son of George and Margaret (Smith) Hale. His father was born in Hertfordshire, England, in 1815 and died in 1899. The mother was born in 1818 and died in February, 1893. The father came to Lorain County about 1855, at which time his entire capital amounted to not more than $2.50. He worked as a farm laborer, and in 1856 he married near Birmingham in Lorain County, and a little later bought a small farm. His first wages on coming to Lorain County were only $15.00 a month. He finally sold his first farm and moved into Carlisle Township, where he bought another place and pursued agriculture there until his death. He was reared a member of the Episcopal Church, but for thirty-six years was identified with the First Congregational Society at Oberlin. In politics he was a republican. There were three children: Rosena, a widow living in Lorain County; George, who is living retired at Lorain; and Alfred E. Alfred E. Hale attended the schools in the country and at Elyria, and when quite a youth got an experience which led him into the cheese and butter business, which he followed for about twelve years. He finally sold his factory in 1904. In 1896 Mr. Hale bought his father's old homestead, and now has a well improved farm of 145 acres. He has put up several excellent barns, especially equipped for the dairy business, and has about twenty cows which supply a product that gives him a steady and regular revenue.

In January, 1886, Mr. Hale married Beulah B. Peabody. Her father, M. B. Peabody, was an early settler in Henrietta Township of Lorain County, where he is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have two children: Cassie finished the high school at Elyria, also took the training school course and three years in Oberlin College, and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elyria. The son, Gilbert Neil, was graduated from the Elyria public schools, the Oberlin Business College, and spent one year in Oberlin College, and is now in charge of stock in the great Ford automobile plant at Detroit. Mr. Hale is affiliated with Oberlin Lodge of Masons and with Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

R. D. A. Gunn, M. D. A physician of fully thirty years' experience, Dr. Gunn was for tyenty years of that time located at Cleveland, but since 1906 his home has been in Oberlin, where he owns a comfortable home and has a large professional business.

He comes of that old Scotch stock that so freely settled Washington County in Southwestern Pennsylvania during the early days. He was born in that county March 10, 1859, a son of Alexander A. and Mary (Burns) Gunn. His grandfather, John Gunn, was born near Aberdeen,

Scotland, and coming to America when a young man settled in Washington County Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather, John Burns, born in 1797 in Pennsylvania, was related to the same family as the poet, Robert Burns. Dr. Gunn's parents were both natives of Washington County, where his father was born in 1822 and his mother in 1824. They were married in that state and spent their active careers on a farm in the rugged and picturesque district which has figured so conspicuously in American history since the whiskey rebellion. The father died there in 1900 and the mother in 1907 at a good old age. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics Alexander Gunn was republican. During the Civil war he entered Company K of the Pennsylvania Cavalry, served as second lieutenant, but was severely wounded and was sent home and was never able to re-enter the service. He was a man of many excellent qualities, was well read, was strictly honest, and though he made a great deal of money in his active lifetime, he was too liberal with it to accumulate a fortune.

Doctor Gunn was the fourth in a family of ten children, eight of whom are still living. He acquired his early education in the Washington County common schools, graduated from Waynesburg College in 1884, and then entered the medical department of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where he took his M. D. degree in 1887. Almost immediately he set up in practice in Cleveland, and remained there for twenty years, ten years of that time serving as medical examiner for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, a work which took a great deal of his time. In 1906 he moved to Oberlin and is one of the capable general practitioners of Lorain County.

On October 10, 1888, Doctor Gunn married Miss Lora C. Conner, who was born in Cumberland, Ohio. They are the parents of four children. John Burns, was graduated from Oberlin College in 1913 and is now connected with the Goodyear Rubber Company at Akron. Helen, who still lives at home attended high school and also was a student in Oberlin College for a time. Ross, is a freshman in Oberlin College. Nolan Conner is still attending school. The family are members of the First Congregational Church, and in politics Doctor Gunn is an independent republican. Professionally he is associated with the county and state medical societies and the American Medical Association.

Adolph Glattstein. In June, 1915, the Cleveland Plain Dealer had an article describing the rapid growth of the Hungarian population in Elyria. During the last ten or fifteen years the rapid growth of industrialism in that city has attracted a number of foreign peoples, and not least among them in number and in influence are the Hungarians, who are now found to the number of about 600. Their names are identified in a business, professional and social relation with the life of the city, and by character, activities and ideals they are a most wholesome group of American citizens.

One of the pioneers among the Hungarians to locate in Elyria is Adolph Glattstein, who came to America more than thirty years ago and for a number of years has been well established as a local business man. Mr. Glattstein has not only been a leader among his own people but all classes recognize his ability and true worth. He was born in Hungary May 15, 1865, a son of Bernard and Julia Glattstein. His grandfather Glattstein, was a Jewish minister in Hungary, while his maternal grandfather Zaltzman owns a tannery. Bernard Glattstein was a teacher of languages in the old country and the mother was also a college graduate. Adolph has four brothers named William, Leo, Morris and Isadore, and a sister Catherine.

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Reared in a home of culture and of comfort, Adolph Glattstein obtained his early education at Kashau, Hungary, and attended the Kashau College Gymnasium. In 1882 he set out for America, and soon afterwards located in Cleveland. Learning the cigar trade, he engaged in business for himself in 1885 as a general merchant. He finally left Cleveland and took his family to Kansas City, and after living there twelve years his wife died, and he then returned to Cleveland to lay her to rest in that city. From Cleveland Mr. Glattstein moved to Elyria, where he was among the first of his nationality and soon afterward established his place of business where he has since remained, at 146 Woodford Avenue.

Mr. Glattstein is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Elyria Lodge No. 465, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Elyria Lodge No. 431, and is a member of the Jewish Church. On March 1, 1887, he was married at Cleveland to Theresa Havre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Havre. She also had sisters named Margaret, Rosella and Sadie, and two brothers named Anthony and Edwin. Mr. Glattstein has a daughter Hermina Glattstein, now the wife of Louie E. Fischman, and they have one child, Theresa Louise.

In the article in the Plain Dealer already mentioned Mr. Glattstein is referred to as one of the leaders among the Hungarian people, and he fathered the movement by which an aid society was established, which later merged with the Elyria Branch No. 107 of the Verhovay Aid Society, which has now been in existence for six years. Its membership has grown to about 130. Later a branch of the Court Batthanyi Hungarian Aid Society was organized, and through this organization public entertainments have been given, many of which feature picturesque Magyar costumes and customs, and furnish interesting glimpses of typical Hungarian social life to native Americans. Of Mr. Glattstein's personal influence the article in the Plain Dealer said: "Mr. Glattstein, who was among the first Hungarians to come to Elyria has personally assisted many of his countrymen in familiarizing themselves with English, American customs, and in generally preparing them for American citizenship." He speaks four different languages.

L. T. Davis is proprietor of the North Eaton Lumber and Coal Company at North Eaton. While a native of Lorain County, Mr. Davis was a farmer and business man in Missouri, but some years ago returned to this county and has since occupied a fine country home in Eaton Township and has also built up a large business in lumber and builders supplies. He is regarded as one of the substantial citizens in that section of the county.

His birth occurred December 24, 1861, on what is now known as the Fauver Farm in Eaton Township. Mr. Davis takes much interest in local history and it was at his suggestion that a paragraph was inserted in this history regarding the old Revolutionary soldier, George Fauver, who is buried in the Butternut Ridge Cemetery in Eaton Township. Mr. Davis is a son of Thomas Jefferson and Mary (Brooks) Davis, both of whom were natives of St. Lawrence County, New York. Mary Brooks was brought to Lorain County by her parents in 1831, when she was about one year old. Thomas J. Davis grew up in New York State, married his first wife there, and after her death and when he was about thirty-five years of age he came to Lorain county, and established a wagon shop at Eaton Center. Here he met and married Miss Brooks. He was an expert mechanic, and continued his wagon business until he removed to Hodgman County, Kansas, where he secured quite a tract of land and spent a number of years in developing it. From Kansas he

removed to Carroll County, Missouri, where he remained until his death on February 11, 1903, at the age of about eighty years. His widow died about fifty days later in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Davis' mother was a daughter of Alva Brooks, who was one of the early settlers of Lorain County. He gave her a farm of about eighty-four acres at the center of Eaton Township, and it is still owned in her name and belongs to the estate. It was on this farm that L. T. Davis spent his boyhood. He attended country schools, also took one year in Baldwin University at Berea, and at the age of seventeen went to live with an uncle in Carroll County, Missouri. While in Missouri he attended a college at Avalon. His uncle was administrator of the property left him by his grandfather Brooks, and after a time he bought 200 acres of farming land in Carroll County and applied himself with characteristic industry to its cultivation and management.

While in Carroll County, Missouri, Mr. Davis was married September 1, 1886, to Miss Mida Roberts of Livingston County, Missouri. By this marriage he has two daughters: Jessie, wife of Newton Hoskin of Eaton Township and the mother of four children; and Freda, wife of Don Cook, also of Eaton Township, and the mother of three children.

During his residence in Missouri Mr. Davis acquired about 360 acres of fertile farming land and was also interested in a planing mill at Carrollton. His wife died at Carrollton and on January 23, 1894, he was married in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to Miss Elizabeth Shearer. Mrs. Davis was born on a farm in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Hiram and Frances (Garrard) Shearer. She grew to womanhood in Pennsylvania, received a common school education, and met her husband during a visit with a friend in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two children, both of whom were born in Carroll County. Frances is a graduate of the Elyria High School and also took a course in the Kent Normal, has taught one term, and is still at home. The son James Garfield is a graduate of the Elyria High School and is also at home.

In 1903 Mr. Davis sold out his interests in Missouri and moved to North Eaton, where he now occupies the farm which his mother formerly owned and in which he has a half interest. After a year or so as a practical farmer, in 1905 he established his present business as a coal and lumber merchant at North Eaton and has succeeded in building up a very profitable trade in that section of the county. Mr. Davis is also the heaviest stockholder in the North Eaton Telephone Company, which was organized in 1908 and of which he has since been secretary. As a republican he cast his first presidential ballot for James G. Blaine in 1884, and claims that he has always remained true to the essential principles of the party. In 1914 the progressives nominated him for the office of county commissioner, and while he was not elected he had the satisfaction of leading his ticket. He is a member and elder in the Disciples Church, while Mrs. Davis is a Methodist. He also belongs to the Grange in Columbia Township.

H. B. Wood. One of the most attractive points on the rural landscape of Lorain County, is the H. B. Wood farm, four miles northeast of Oberlin, in section 11 and township 5 north, range 17 west, and on rural route No. 2 out of Oberlin. It has been the home and center of activities for the Wood family for two generations, and the site of the old homestead and a considerable body of the land comprised in the original estate is now owned by Marshall A. Wood, whose father's name is still familiarly associated with the place.

It was on this farm that Marshall A. Wood was born September 1,

1852, a son of Harrison Burchard and Gracia C. (Pember) Wood. Harrison B. Wood, who was born near Albany, New York, was a son of Jeremiah Wood, who married a Miss Dimick, and came to Lorain County when his son Harrison was about fourteen years of age. It was the grandfather who first acquired the tract of land now included in the H. B. Wood Farm.

After growing to manhood and after his father's death, H. B. Wood acquired from the other heirs the old farm and added to it as a nucleus until he was the owner of about 500 acres. Three hundred acres of this estate are still owned by the family and Marshall A. Wood's individual farm comprises about 102 acres. Harrison B. Wood was a man of many excellent qualities and one of the leading citizens of his time in Carlisle Township. He was not a seeker after official honors, though a loyal democrat, and did his best work in preparing intelligently for his business interests, in providing for his family, and in fulfilling his obligations as a neighbor and friend. He lived to be seventy-eight years of age, and his death caused a profound shock since he was killed on the Lake Shore Railway. He died September 13, 1897.

Of his eight children only two are now living. A brief record of the family is as follows: Prudence, who died in Michigan, married Rev. Allen Gridley, and she left a daughter, Grace, who was graduated from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and now lives in Boston as Mrs. Wim, and conducts a music studio in that city, being the mother of three children. Harrison Delos, the second child, was an implement salesman at Oberlin and died there in January, 1908, and by his marriage to Elizabeth Gleason, was the father of the following children: Dr. Walter A., now of Philadelphia, John of Oberlin, James, a manufacturer of concrete at Barry, Texas, Grace, wife of M. A. Houghton, Oberlin's postmaster, Harold, who died at the age of fourteen, and Dudley, who is a graduate of Oberlin College and lives in that town. Malcolm H., the third child, died September 29, 1915, having been a farmer in this county, and by his marriage to Mary Reamer had seven children: Mabel C., who died July 19, 1911, was a teacher in Elyria schools; Harrison B., married Edith B. Brenner, of Cleveland and they have one child, Brenner R., and reside in Oakland, California; Ollie M., married T. C. Metzger of Lorain, Ohio, a clothing merchant; Robert L., a member of the firm of Wood Construction Company, Oberlin, Ohio, married Gertrude Stough; Wesley R., died September 19, 1900, and two who died in infancy. The fourth in order of age is Marshall A. Della M. is living in Carlisle Township, the wife of Frank Prindle, and has three children, Hazel, Frances and Harold. Effie M., who died September 6, 1897, was a graduate of Oberlin College. Roy, died when about fourteen years of age. Frank, who died January 3, 1900, married Jennie Talley and left one child, Goldie.

Marshall A. Wood spent his boyhood on the old homestead, and began life with a common school education. Farming has been his regular career, and he has prospered and has exemplified many of the excellent qualities for which the Wood family have always been noted.

On October 12, 1893, he married Correlia A. Reamer who was born and reared at Smithville in Wayne County, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Sophia (Fitger) Reamer. Her father was born at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, but when a small lad came to Ohio with his parents Daniel and Mary (Krill) Reamer. Jacob Reamer served as a soldier in the Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and about four weeks after he went to the front was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville and is buried on that battlefield. Mrs. Wood's mother was born in Wayne County, Ohio, near Wooster August 21, 1832, was reared there, and is still living at the age of eighty-three. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have one

daughter, Helen C., who was born on the old farm June 1, 1896, and in 1910 at the age of fourteen entered Elyria High School after an examination, and was graduated with the Class of 1914.

Mr. Wood inherited eighty-two acres of the old H. B. Wood farm, and subsequently bought twenty acres more from the estate. Since then he has made a great many improvements. He has placed a basement under the barn, and after tearing down the old residence he constructed the present modern home. In 1907 he put down a gas well 935 feet under the surface, and since then has had a good supply of gas to be used for heating and lighting. His house is one of the best equipped with modern conveniences and comforts in the rural district of Lorain County. He has a complete waterworks plant and has hot and cold water for all purposes. The house is a two story structure built on a basement 26x34 feet, the first story being of cement walls, and containing eight rooms and bath. Mr. Wood has never participated in politics, though he was reared a democrat and cast his first presidential ballot for Cleveland in 1884.

James C. Smith. No small share of technical skill and ability to lead and direct the work of a large factory organization has been furnished to the Elyria industrial community by James C. Smith, who is factory manager of The Machine Parts Company and has been closely identified with this and some of the other large enterprises in Elyria for more than twenty years. Mr. Smith, who probably inherits his taste for things mechanical from his father, began his career as a machinist's apprentice and has filled a number of positions in a rising grade of responsibility in factories and industries both in Lorain County and elsewhere.

Born at New Hartford, Oneida County, New York, November 16, 1861, James C. Smith is a son of Edward B. and Helen (Cunningham) Smith. His father, Edward B. Smith, was born in England, a son of Jonathan Smith, who spent all his life in that country. Helen Cunningham was born at New Hartford, New York, and her father, James Cunningham, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and being a radical and expressing his views too freely, was thrown into prison, but by the aid of influential friends was released and came to Canada, and lived for many years in the United States. Edward B. Smith as a tool maker was in the employ of the Remington Arms Company at Ilion, New York, during the Civil war. When peace brought about a slackening of that industry, he moved to Meadville, Pennsylvania, was employed for a time by the Atlantic & Great Western, now the Erie Railroad, and in 1867 moved to Cleveland, Ohio. About twelve years later he took up his residence at Elyria, but after a year and a half returned to Cleveland, where he died in 1884. His wife passed away in 1880.

On reaching the second year of the high school at Cleveland, James C. Smith left school to gain a vocational training as apprentice to the machinist's trade. He was with the White Sewing Machine Company in Cleveland for a time, and during the year and a half his parents lived in Elyria he was employed by the firm of Topliff & Ely. He afterwards worked for I. N. Topliff and for a time was in the employ of the Cleveland Telegraph Supply Company, which later became the Brush Electric Company, and also with the Chapin Nut Bolt Company.

On returning to Elyria Mr. Smith was for a time with Mead & Wallace, manufacturers of carriage hardware, and later with James Hollis, who conducted a machine shop on the site now occupied by The Machine Parts Company. For 3½ years he had charge of the iron valve department in the brass works at Lorain, and then returned to

the machine works formerly conducted by Mr. Hollis, but at that time under the proprietorship of H. K. Day. The forming of his next connection in industrial affairs is one of interest and importance to his personal career. He returned to the employ of the Topliff & Ely Company, which at that time was making some of the first of the famous Garford bicycle saddles. On December 1, 1892, Mr. Smith was made superintendent of the manufacture of these saddles for The Garford Company, and continued in charge of this department of a large and growing industry until May, 1905. He resigned to take the management of the Rochester Valve Company, which in about a year later was reorganized as The Machine Parts Company, an Ohio corporation, in which Mr. Smith became vice president. When he left the Garford Company's plant as superintendent the esteem in which he was held by his many employes was well shown when the men as a token of their regard presented him with a handsome gold watch and chain and a Masonic charm. Mr. Smith is now a director and factory manager of The Machine Parts Company and is also a director in The Worthington Company.

He is a director in the Masonic Temple Company, and for many years has been closely identified with Masonic affairs. He is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; with Marshall Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, in which he is past high priest; with Elyria Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masters, in which he is past thrice illustrious master; and with Elyria Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar, of which he is past commander. He is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers and the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. As a local citizen he has not neglected his duties, and for about five years up to January, 1908, was a member of the board of public service and its president during the last year.

Mr. Smith married Miss Elizabeth Howells, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Howells, who as children were brought from Wales, their native country, to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: Brenton Arthur, who graduated from the Elyria High School in 1911, is a draftsman by trade, and is now connected with The Willys-Overland Co., Elyria, Ohio; Helen Elizabeth, who graduated from the Elyria High School in the class of 1913 and is now a stenographer; and Theodore Howells, who is still a student in the high school. All three children were born at Elyria.

Calvin Jackson. When a man has lived a life of usefulness and honor in one community for many years, his fellow citizens recognize in him a man deserving of respect and his name and some narrative of his activities have an appropriate place in the local annals of his township and county. Such has been the role of Calvin Jackson of Eaton Township, who now past seventy years of age is retired and enjoying the comforts and pleasures of a fine rural home on Center Road half a mile west of Eaton Center.

He was three years old when his parents, James W. and Samantha (Cheney) Jackson came to Lorain County. He was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, January 20, 1845. On coming to Lorain County his father bought a small farm three miles north of Elyria, paying $12.50 an acre, and spent the rest of his days there. He was a republican, and was a very active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In fact, he was a local preacher, and filled the pulpit when the regular minister was absent. In the family were seven children, one of whom died in childhood. Of the others Calvin was the oldest. Mary Jane still lives on the old homestead; Melissa is the wife of Samuel Cox, by whom she

has two children, and they live in Eaton Township; Andrew J. is elsewhere referred to in this publication; Arthur also lives in Union Township: Frank is a bachelor and occupies the old homestead with his sister. The father of these children died in 1899 and the mother on November 19, 1905, and both are buried in the Sheffield Cemetery.

Calvin Jackson while growing up on the farm in Lorain County acquired a common school education, and at the early age of sixteen began working by the month at wages of $8. He soon afterwards went to Cleveland and enlisted for service in the Union army, but before he was mustered in his father interposed and took him home. Later he became a member of the Home Guard and received considerable military training. Then in May, 1864, he regularly enlisted in Company K of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was mustered into service at Columbus, and after spending a few days at Camp Chase was sent with his command to Opequan Creek in West Virginia and was first under fire at Martinsburg in that state. He also was in the fight at Harpers Ferry. After serving out his regular enlistment of four months he returned to Lorain County and soon had a place as a farm laborer at wages of $22 a month.

Thus it was by hard work that he laid the foundation for his prosperity. On September 17, 1868, Mr. Jackson married Miss Louisa Reisinger, whose home was at Liverpool, Medina County. Her parents Jacob and Elizabeth (Kellar) Reisinger were both natives of Germany, where they grew up, and the mother was the first to come to America, and they were married in Liverpool. They settled there where Mrs. Jackson's father followed his trade as shoemaker, which he had learned according to the thorough methods of a German cobbler. As was the practice in those times, he went from home to home making up shoes for the family at each place. Later he bought a farm near Liverpool on the county line.

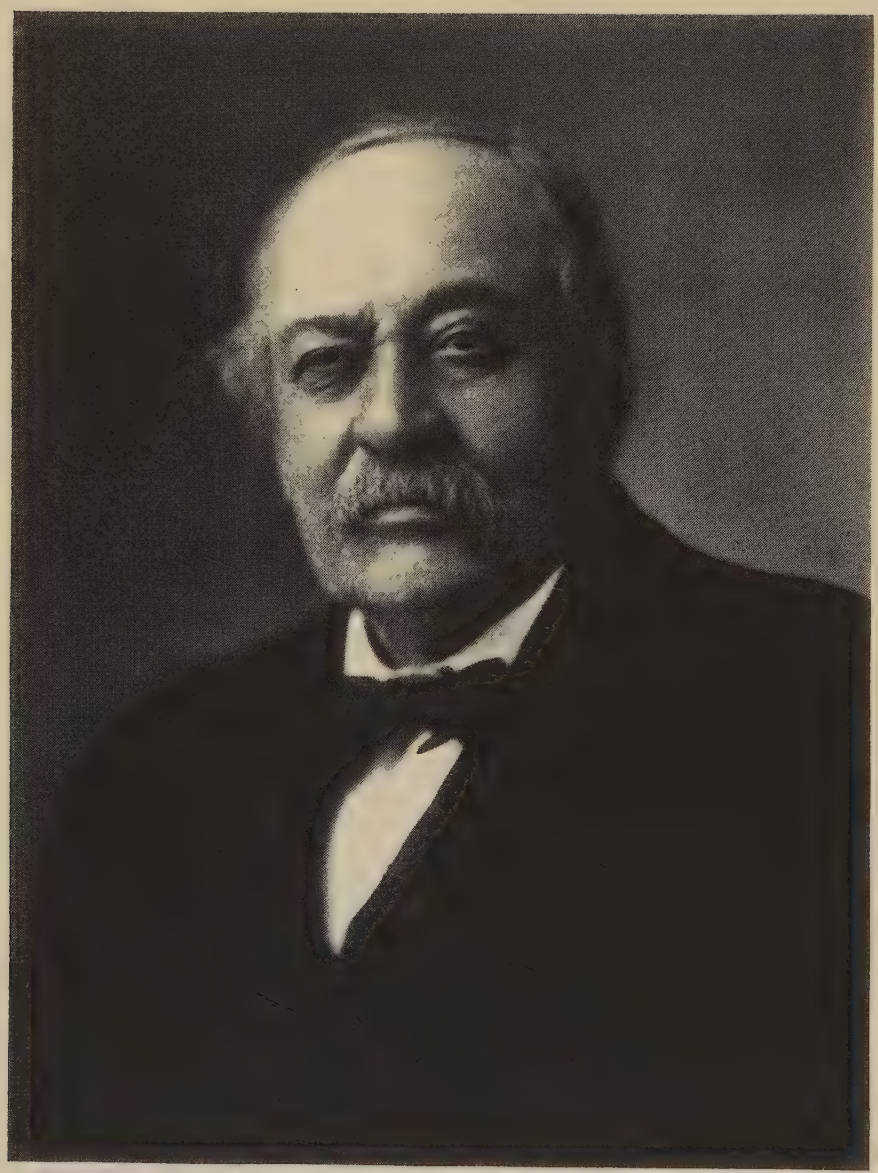
After his marriage Mr. Jackson for several years rented land and by much self denial and by the loyal cooperation of his wife saved sufficient to buy his present home. Here he has effected many improvements and is now in a position to take his remaining years somewhat at leisure.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were born seven children, all but one of them still living. Perry married Elizabeth Stang and has two children, Lucile and Clifford. Lillia is the wife of Asa Hance and lives in Eaton. Charles married Nettie Keasey and they have four children, Herman, Chester, Ruth and Samuel. Arthur married Bernice Strickland and has three children, Claude, Leo and Garnet. Roy married Verne Strickland and has one child Marian. Pearl is clerk in a store at Alliance, Ohio.

In politics Mr. Jackson is a republican and cast his first presidential ballot for Grant. He and his wife are members of the Disciples Church at Eaton and they are also members of the Grange.

Frank E. Schwartz. Among Carlisle Township's men of enterprise and progressive spirit special mention should be made of Frank E. Schwartz, who is one of the members of the Board of the Lorain Agricultural Society and in the course of his active career has done a great deal of constructive work both on his own land and toward raising the general standards of agriculture, stock raising and rural life in his part of the county.

His fine homestead of 125 acres, where he does extensive farming and dairying and also breeds high grade Poland China hogs and Oxford Down sheep, is located about 4½ miles south and 1½ miles east of Elyria on the LaGrange Road, and he is served by rural route No. 1 out from LaGrange.



Charles W. Smith

A native of Lorain County, he was born in Russia Township July 24, 1856, a son of David and Christine (Baker) Schwartz. His father, who is still living at the venerable age of eighty-three, at the home of a daughter in Elyria, was born in Germany. His father died in the old country and when David was about sixteen years of age the widowed mother, with other children, set out for the land of liberty and soon afterward arrived in Lorain County and established themselves in Russia Township. David Schwartz was married in that township and by much self denial, hard work and good judgment accumulated a fine farm and made ample provisions for his own declining years and did well by his children.

It was on the home farm in Russia Township that Frank E. Schwartz spent his youth, and his education came from the local schools. However, he left school at the age of fourteen, and has been hard at work ever since. He helped manage the home farm until he was about twenty-four, and on April 28, 1880, was married in Carlisle Township to Miss Lucy Shauver. Mrs. Schwartz was born in Amherst Township, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Repp) Shauver.

A short time before his marriage and in preparation for that event, Mr. Schwartz purchased twenty-eight acres of land in Carlisle Township. The only improvements were a log house and a log barn. He and his young wife made the best of difficulties, and by heroic economy and effort soon had their affairs moving in the direction of prosperity. While there Mr. Schwartz built a new house and barn and gave a great deal of value to the land above what it represented when he first took possession.

From that home in 1895 he moved to his present place, and here again he has carried on extensive remodeling and improvement. In the summer of 1908 he put down a gas well 700 feet, and that furnishes a supply of gas sufficient for home consumption. For the past twenty years Mr. Schwartz has been breeding thoroughbred hogs, and he is a master of that branch of farm husbandry. About seven years ago he took up sheep husbandry, and has found considerable profit in that. Mr. Schwartz has won his full share of prizes upon his thoroughbreds when exhibited at county fairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz have one daughter, Lilah May, who was born in Carlisle Township, and has finished her education in the common schools. While Mr. Schwartz was reared a democrat and cast his first presidential ballot for a democratic candidate, he has since joined the republican ranks and is a firm believer in the basic principles of that party. For three years he served as township trustee and has also been a director of his local schools. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias at LaGrange and of the Modern Woodmen of America at Elyria. It was in 1913 that he was chosen to an official place on the board of the Lorain County Agricultural Society and was re-elected for another term. He is one of the progressive men who have kept the affairs of the society moving to higher and better attainments. Recently the board constructed some new buildings and now has one of the best grand stands for a county to be found anywhere in Ohio.

Charles William Smith. Among the veteran retired merchants of Lorain County perhaps none is better known through long association with one line of business than Charles W. Smith, who for fully half a century had been in the jewelry and watch making trade and business at Elyria. For the greater part of this time his store was not only represented as an important landmark in the shopping district, but was regarded as the largest and most important establishment of its kind in that city. Throughout all his career Mr. Smith has manifested a high degree

of public spirit toward all enterprises and movements for the improvement of the city as a business center and as a social community.

A resident of America since he was twelve years of age, Charles William Smith was born February 6, 1842, in Tuebingen, in the Kingdom of Wuertemberg, Germany, a son of Christian Gottlieb and Agnes (Waiblinger) Schmid, as his father wrote his name. Both parents died in Elyria. The father came to America in 1853 with two other members of his family, and the mother followed with the other children in 1854. Charles W. Smith made the voyage with his mother in 1854. He had already had some benefit of instruction in the schools of Germany, and after coming to Elyria spent three months as a pupil in the old stone schoolhouse on East Avenue, and another three months at an old schoolhouse now torn down which stood on Middle avenue.

In 1862, at the age of twenty, Mr. Smith took up the trade of watchmaker and jeweler and engaged in that business in the store on Broad Street at the corner of Mill Street, a corner now occupied by Robinson and Hancock, clothiers. In 1865 he moved to the Beebe House, and occupied the corner store on Broad Street now occupied by the Lorain County Banking Company, in the Andwur Hotel. In 1874, having prospered as a merchant, Mr. Smith built and moved into his own store, the Smith Block, at 541 Broad Street. His business prosperity is represented by some important building and real estate interests. Besides the Smith Block at 541 Broad Street, he is also owner of the Smith Block at 538-542 Broadway in the City of Lorain, and he owns a substantial residence at 651 Broad Street in Elyria. Mr. Smith has been a witness to most of Elyria's development since it was a very small town. The family on coming to America spent about a year and a half in Cleveland, and arrived in Elyria about 1855. It was then a small town, and the locality on Broad Street where Mr. Smith now has his home was at that time mainly a cow pasture, though now located nearly in the center of the business district. With a few more years of rapid development such as Elyria has had during the past decade his home will necessarily have to be moved or torn down to make way for the advance of business development in that section of the city.

Mr. Smith has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1870. He became one of the first members of St. Paul's Church at Elyria, joining in 1858. In 1864 at Cleveland he married Miss Anna Mary Laux, a daughter of Peter and Gertrude Laux of Ridgeville, Ohio. Mrs. Smith died January 2, 1899. The children are: William C., who married Elizabeth Beller, of Amherst, Ohio, has been in the shoe business at Elyria nearly a quarter of a century, his store being at 541 West Broad Street in the Smith Block. They are the parents of Arthur G., who is connected with the shoe firm of Wm. C. Smith & Son; Charles J., deceased, married Hattie Reublin, and left two children, Pierre R. and Geraldine; Henry F. married Dora Schubert, and has one child, Catherine; Julia M. married M. J. McGuire, and they have three children, Charles W., Helen and Mary; Frank W. is still unmarried.

Solomon Mendelson. There are few residents of Lorain County with so excellent a reputation in business affairs and with a better record of public spirited citizenship than Solomon Mendelson, who was born of Jewish parents in Russia and came to America in early boyhood. The instinct of the trader was almost as natural to him as in the typical Yankee, and it has found its chief exemplification in the direction of livestock, for which he manifested a special fondness in early youth. For a number of years Mr. Mendelson has been one of the most extensive dealers in livestock of all kinds in the county, and is also manager of

the Mendelson Reduction Company at Elyria, especially noted for the manufacture of a high grade fertilizer and animal tankage. His home and place of business are at 310 Furnace Street in Elyria.

He was eight years old when he came to America with his parents from Russia. His father had visited America some years previously and spent most of his active career in the scrap iron business. Solomon attended the public schools of Lorain County until about seventeen and he showed a marked proficiency in acquiring the English language, which he speaks very fluently. When he was not more than fourteen he began buying and selling whenever the opportunity offered, and most of these early deals were in livestock. He also worked for his father until the latter's death when Solomon was about twenty years of age. Solomon was the second of three children, his older sister Yetta is the wife of Moses Berinstein, and they reside in New York City. The brother Julius is also a resident of New York City and a manufacturer of ladies dress goods.

During the ten years following the death of his father, Solomon Mendelson carried on the old business, and at the same time continued his dealings in livestock, which acquired a somewhat extensive scope, so that he was finally justified in giving all his energies to that work. In 1909 he erected a substantial residence and also his three story sales stables in Elyria.

On August 14, 1892, he married Miss Lizzie Siegel, who was also born in Russia and came to America with her parents, locating in Cleveland. The eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Mendelson were all born in Elyria. Mary is the wife of Harry Sobul of Elyria; Hattie is a graduate of the high school as is also Ray, the next younger; Emanuel graduated from high school and is now in the State University at Columbus; Eva is in the second year of high school, while Anna is a freshman; Nelson is in the third grade, and Hilda, the youngest of the family, is in the first grade of the public schools.

Mr. Mendelson as an American citizen has voted the republican ticket. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of the Maccabees, the Modern Woodmen of America and the United Commercial Travelers. He is president of the Jewish Congregation at Elyria, and is president of the Elyria Lodge of the Independent B'rith of Abraham. He was also one of the founders of the Young Men's Christian Association at Elyria, and has been a trustee since its organization. When the Young Men's Christian Association Building was constructed he performed the excavation work for the foundation.

George H. Box. That it is possible for a progressive and industrious man to make a success of farming in these modern days is well illustrated in the case of George H. Box of Eaton Township. His fine farm of 240 acres in the southwest part of that township a mile north of Grafton, largely represents the fruits of his individual management. In his career he has brought to bear unusual good sense in regulating his affairs, and a persistent diligence which has had its proper reward. He has an excellent farm, conducts a dairy, and is known as a breeder of high thoroughbred Holstein cattle.

He was born in a log house on the very farm where he now lives, April 16, 1862, a son of Charles H. and Maria (Grey) Box. Both parents were natives of Wilkshire, England, where they grew up and married. After four of their children were born the entire family set out for America, and lived a short time in Cleveland, where the father worked for a Mr. Scoville. Coming to Lorain County, with a brother-in-law he bought a small tract of timbered land, erected a log cabin and began

the work of clearing. Charles Box did well as a farmer and home maker and eventually had a place of 120 acres, on which he built the comfortable farm dwelling in which his son George now resides. George is next to the youngest in a family of seven children, six of whom are still living.

He grew up on the home farm, had a common school education, and lived at home working for his father until 1896.

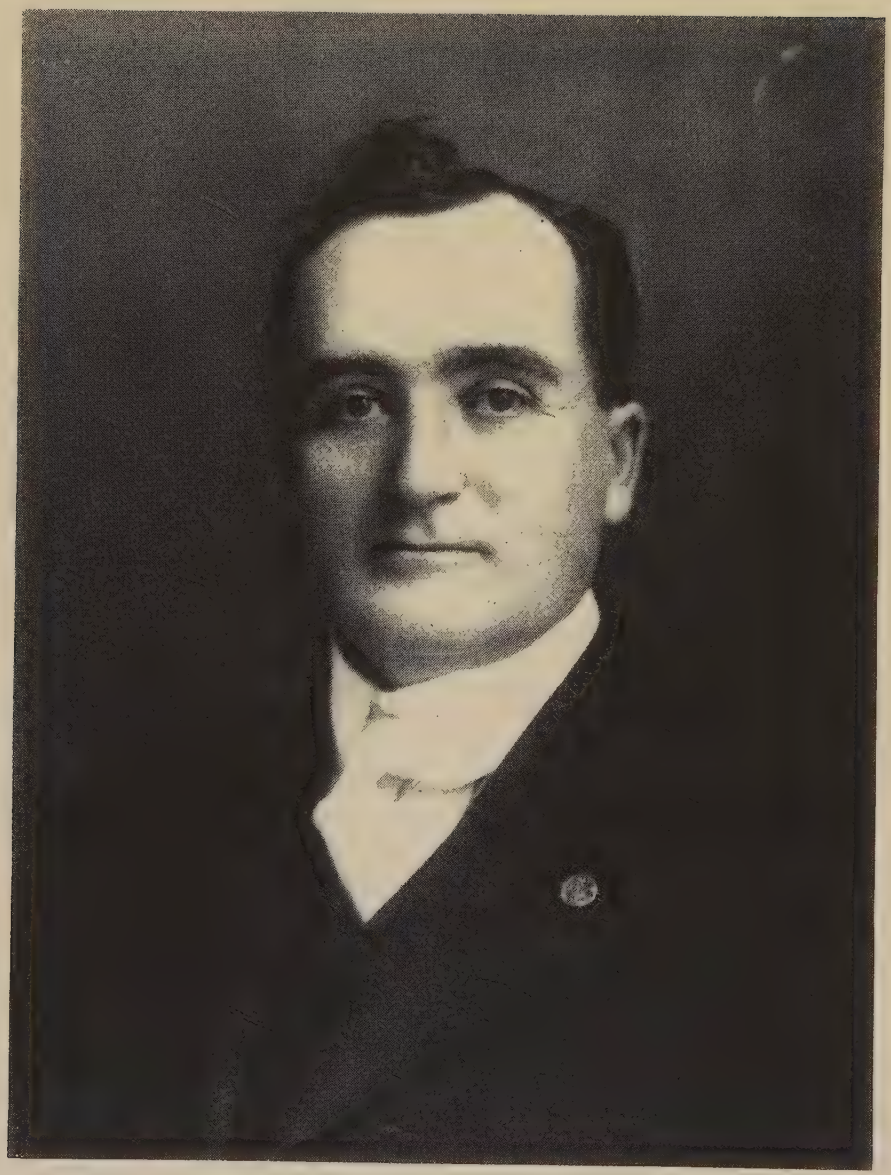
In the meantime, on December 30, 1885, he married Miss Nellie Wilson of Eaton Township, where she was born a daughter of George and Magdalene (Caldwell) Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Box have seven children. The oldest Charles H. has a common school education, lives in Eaton Township and married Ina B. Nichols. Naomi is the wife of Guy Amsbary and they live on a farm in LaGrange Township. Percy has completed his public school work and is still at home. Clyde is in the Elyria High School. The youngest children are Mildred, Claude L. and Foster D.

In 1896 Mr. Box began conducting the home farm on the shares. His father died in that year and he then undertook to buy out the interests of the other heirs in the farm, and for the past twenty years has gone steadily ahead in the acquisition of land until he now owns 240 acres and has also spent much money and labor in making improvements. He has remodeled the farm home, and has two substantial silos outside of his farm equipment.

A republican, Mr. Box cast his first presidential ballot for Blaine in 1884. He was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, filling several chairs in the local lodge, and at one time belonged to the Knights of Pythias, of which he was a charter member. He is a charter member of the Grange at Grafton, and his son Charles is secretary of the Grafton Grange and also secretary of the County Pomona.

George H. Wilson, father of Mrs. Box, was born March 6, 1848, in Eaton Township on a farm which he still owns. His parents were William and Nancy (Fink) Wilson. His father was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1808, and came to America at the age of twenty-two, locating in Lorain County, at first in the north part of the county. Nancy Fink was born in New York State, and when a child was stolen, and brought to Lorain County. She was never informed as to her parents and family, and when she became grown she worked in Elyria until her marriage to William Wilson. After their marriage they bought seventy-three acres in the midst of the woods in Eaton Township, and they lived in a log cabin. Later they built a frame barn and a frame house, and that house is still in use, having been erected in 1847. George H. Wilson is the youngest of six children and the only one born in the house just mentioned.

In December, 1863, when still a boy, George H. Wilson enlisted in Company H of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and most of his time was spent in guarding prisoners on Johnson's Island. In the spring of 1865 he was detailed to assist in escorting 101 prisoners south to Richmond. On returning he was transferred to Company H and was honorably discharged in July of that year at Columbus. On March 30, 1867, at the age of nineteen he married Miss Magdalene Caldwell of Eaton Township, daughter of William and Magdalene (Fauver) Caldwell. Mrs. Wilson was born in Lagro, Wabash County, Indiana, December 9, 1849, and was about a year and a half old when she came with her mother to Eaton Township. After their marriage George Wilson and wife lived for a short time on Butternut Ridge, and then moved to Eaton Township, where they lived on a rented farm a few years and he then bought his father's old place. That was his home and the center of his activities for eighteen years, following which he was



C. L. Jackson

for eight years a resident of Elyria, and during part of that time served on the police force. He then returned to the farm and in 1914 built his present home on a small tract of land just across the road from the old home place.

The five children of George H. Wilson and wife are: Nellie May, wife of George H. Box; Charles C. Wilson, who lives in Grafton and married Gertrude Sheldon; Carrie Estelle, wife of Charles Daly of Elyria; Fred, who died at the age of three years; and Harley J., who runs the home farm and married Hilda Mason. George Wilson is a republican, and he and his wife are active members of the Disciples Church at Eaton Center.

Alexander L. Jackson. A live and energetic representative of the automobile business at Elyria, Alexander L. Jackson, formerly of the Jackson-Harrison Company, has built up a thriving enterprise at 625 which has placed him prominently in the forefront among the dealers of Lorain County. Since coming to Elyria in 1894 he has been engaged in a variety of ventures, in all of which he has gained success through his own efforts; in fact, his entire career is typical of the self-made manhood of which the Middle West is so justifiably proud.

Mr. Jackson was born at Ogdensburg, New York, March 17, 1868, and is a son of William and Sarah (Kerrigan) Jackson. His father, a carpenter by trade, passed his entire life at Ogdensburg, where he died at the age of thirty-one years, the mother passing away when twenty-eight years of age. There were two sons in the family: Alexander L.; and William F., who resides at Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Jackson's early education was secured in the public schools of his native place, where he attended while not at work on a farm, for he began to be thus engaged when a lad of nine years and continued to occupy himself so until he was fifteen. Later he secured employment as a steward on the Great Lakes on boats running from Buffalo to Chicago, and while thus employed managed to obtain a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, at Buffalo, New York. After ten years on the Lakes, in the fall of 1894 Mr. Jackson came to Elyria, where he established himself in business as the proprietor of a restaurant. This he conducted with a fair share of success for four years, then purchasing the old American House, one of the old landmarks of Elyria, located at the corner of Broad Street and West Avenue, which he rebuilt and named the Hotel Jackson, in 1905. He conducted it as a popular-priced hostelry and built up a large patronage, conducting it personally until 1908, since which time he has leased the property, although he still retains the ownership. During the years 1910 and 1911 Mr. Jackson was proprietor of the Book Shop, located at No. 509 Broad Street, a business which he sold to A. E. Side, its present owner. At that time Mr. Jackson embarked in the automobile business, in company with M. J. Harrison, adopting the firm style of Jackson-Harrison Company, which continued until October 1, 1915, at which time Mr. Jackson withdrew from the firm and established himself in the automobile business independently, having built one of the most complete garages in Northern Ohio, and where (1916) he handles the celebrated Overland car. The garage and sales agency are located at No. 225 Broad Street, the main business thoroughfare of Elyria, an excellent location for selling and repairing automobiles. Mr. Jackson is what is known as a hustler, with up-to-date ideas and energetic methods, and is rapidly making a name for himself in automobile circles. He belongs to the Elyria Automobile Club and the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, and is well known and popular in fraternal circles, belonging to the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows; Elyria Camp, Modern Woodmen of America; Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Elyria Lodge No. 431, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On January 1, 1896, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Katherine Greenfield, of Elyria, who was born in Avon Township, Lorain County, and educated in the township and Elyria public schools, daughter of Sebastian and Katherine (Miller) Greenfield. Mr. Greenfield is now deceased, but his widow still survives, residing on the homestead in Avon Township during the summer months, but spending her winters at the home of Mr. Jackson, who declares "she is one of the best mothers-in-law in the world." To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson there have been born four children: Irene, who will graduate from the Elyria High School in the class of 1916; Leona, who in the fall of 1915 became a sophomore in the Elyria High School; Raymond, who is attending the graded schools; and Vivian, who was born in 1911.

JOHN COWLEY. The name of John Cowley has a special significance in agricultural and stock farming enterprise in Eaton Township. He has spent some thirty or forty years in farming, has done much in the dairy business, and in recent years his place has become noted for its thoroughbred Holstein cattle. His home is in the southeast part of Eaton Township, where he owns ninety-one acres of highly improved land on rural route No. 1 out of Columbia postoffice.

Mr. Cowley is a native of the Isle of Man and was therefore born a British subject. His birth occurred December 18, 1849. When he was about a year and a half old his parents John and Catherine (Kermode) Cowley left the Isle of Man and set out for America. For a time they lived in Cleveland, where John Cowley died in a year or so, leaving his widow and two sons, John and William. William died in childhood. The mother married again and moved to Warrensville, where John Cowley grew to manhood on a farm and acquired a common school education.

At the age of twenty-one he went to Cleveland and served an apprenticeship at the bricklayer's trade. This trade he has used chiefly for his own benefit, since most of his work has been along agricultural lines. On March 20, 1878, Mr. Cowley married Miss Hattie Radcliffe, whose home at the time was on the place where Mr. and Mrs. Cowley now live, at North Eaton. Mrs. Cowley was born on a farm near Warrensville in Cuyahoga County, a daughter of James and Louise (Radcliffe) Radcliffe. Both her parents were natives of the Isle of Man and her father after coming to Ohio bought fifty acres in Eaton Township of Lorain County, a part of the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Cowley. Mrs. Cowley was about a year and a half old when the family took possession of this place. The land was heavily timbered, and Mr. Radcliffe had to cut away some of the trees in order to make a space for the small frame house which was their first home and which is still standing, being now used as a granary. Mrs. Cowley has one full brother H. J. Radcliffe, who went to Larned, Kansas, when a young man and studied law there, was admitted to the Kansas bar, and now for many years has successfully practiced law at Mena, Arkansas, and has filled the office of prosecuting attorney: he is married and has two children. Mrs. Cowley's half sister by her mother's second marriage is Mary, wife of Fred Marsh, who lives in Grafton Township and has three children, Bernice, Willard, Geneva and one child who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowley became acquainted in Warrensville, and after their marriage they lived in that village for about a year, and then moved to North Eaton. Mrs. Cowley's parents had both died and she had

inherited a half interest in the fifty acre farm. Mr. Cowley then bought the other half interest, and about 1896 he remodeled the old house, which had been moved from the Harrison farm and he also remodeled the barn into a bank barn. This was afterwards struck by lightning and burned and he at once rebuilt it with one of the best barn structures found in that neighborhood. Through all the years that he has occupied this farm Mr. Cowley has carried on a successful dairy business. In 1912 he started the nucleus of his fine Holstein herd, and he has now ten head of thoroughbreds and eighteen high grade cattle of the same strain but not full-bloods. His prosperity has also been measured by three different purchases of land, and he now has ninety-one acres in his home farm. Since living in this community Mr. Cowley has seen land advance in price in Eaton Township from an average of $50 an acre to $100 or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowley are the parents of five sons. John Bernard, who was born at Warrensville January 16, 1879, was well educated and now owns a twenty-two acre farm across the road from his father; he married Florence Silsby and they have a daughter Alta, now nine years of age. Frank Clarence, born in Eaton Township January 12, 1881, took a course in the public schools and also learned telegraphy at Oberlin, but followed that only a few years and is now a farmer in Eaton Township; he married Vira Hathaway and their two children are Grant Rutherford and Willis Elwin. H. Erie, born April 17, 1884, is a carpenter by trade, and by his marriage to Mary Coleman has one son Wayne M. Chester Arthur was born November 12, 1887, is active manager of his father's home farm and by his marriage to Grace Tomes has two children, a son and a daughter, Lester and Mona. Glenn was born July 2, 1900, and is now a freshman in the Berea High School.

Not all his time has been devoted to farming and his private interests, since the name of John Cowley has been quite prominently associated with public affairs in Eaton Township for a number of years. Politically he is an independent republican. For twelve years he served as township trustee, and during that time was chiefly instrumental in securing the construction of the stone road known as the Cowley stone road. In 1910 he was land appraiser for Eaton Township. He was formerly affiliated with Woodward Lodge No. 508, Free and Accepted Masons at Cleveland.

Allen Mason Nichols. That farming can be conducted as a successful business in the same class as store or factory need no other proof than a visit to the excellent estate of Allen Mason Nichols, situated in Eaton Township. Mr. Nichols has a reputation in Lorain County as a progressive farmer and a skillful dairyman and is now vice president of the Lorain County Dairymen's Association.

His farm comprises 160 acres on Center Road one mile north of Eaton Center, and it has always been a matter of pride with him to maintain the highest standards as an agriculturist.

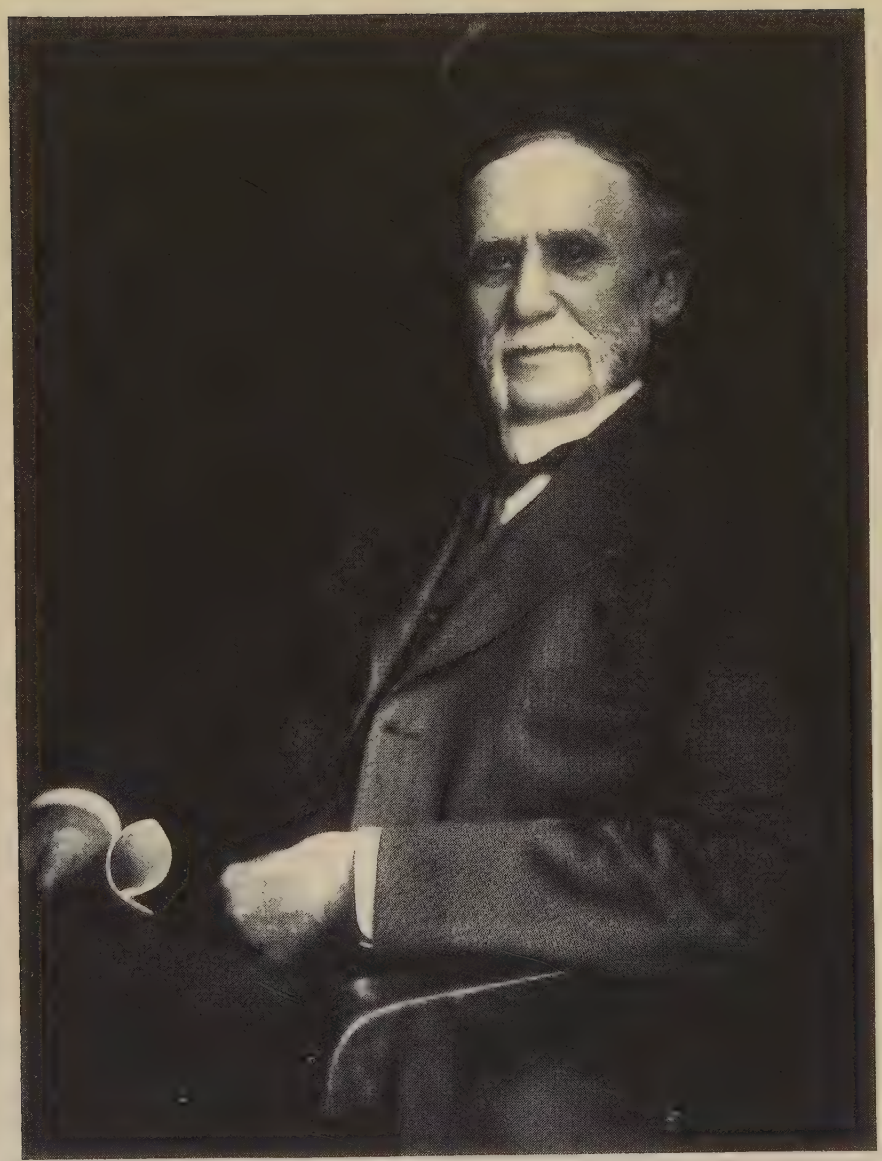
The farm where he now lives and which he owns was also his birthplace. He first saw the light of day in a log house January 27, 1858. His parents were Mason E. and Joan (Mead) Nichols. His father was born at Crown Point, Essex County, New York, February 26, 1830, and while still a boy went with his parents Andrew and Mrs. (Haven) Nichols to Shalersville Township in Portage County, Ohio, where his parents bought land, improved a farm, and spent the rest of their days. There he grew to manhood and at the age of nineteen, desiring to get married, he bought his time from his father for $75. He was married in Freedom Township of Portage County to Miss Joan Mead, and soon afterward

came to Lorain County, where some of his Havens relatives had previously located. For $12 an acre he bought eighty acres of land still included in the Nichols homestead occupied by his son Allen. Only about six acres of this was cleared at the time. Mason Nichols was a very industrious man and a good manager, and from time to time purchased other land until he had accumulated an estate of 421 acres in one body. Among other improvements there arose a substantial frame house in 1860, and there were also several barns, the largest of which was burned in 1867. It was about that time that his first wife, Joan, died, being survived by four children. Arthur, the oldest, who became a well known lawyer in Elyria and died December 26, 1886, married Nettie Squiers of Elyria and is survived by one child, Mason. The second of the four children is Allen Mason. Celia J., the only daughter, died in Cleveland as the wife of F. H. Jackson. The youngest, John D., owned and occupied a farm in Nelson Township of Portage County for a few years, afterwards became manager of the Bell Vernon Creamery at Garrettsville, and then became assistant manager of the Cleveland plant of this creamery concern, remaining about ten years, and is now connected with the Schneider Becker Dairy Company of Cleveland. He was at one time president of an United States Dairymen's Association. By his marriage to Adel Felt of Eaton Township he had two children, Paris and Lula. For his second wife Mason E. Nichols married Mahala Cousins of Dover, Cuyahoga County. The only child of this marriage died quite young. Mason Nichols was a republican in politics, served as a trustee of Eaton Township, was a member of the Disciples Church, and his death occurred in 1883.

While growing up on the old farm Allen M. Nichols acquired a good country school education. At the age of eighteen his father removed to Elyria and he continued his schooling there and at Berea. He then began working out, and for a time was employed in a cheese factory at Eaton Center.

On March 29, 1882, in Hiram, Portage County, Mr. Nichols married Miss Frances D. Gage, who was born on a farm in Freedom Township, Portage County, January 7, 1861, a daughter of Martin B. and Mandana (Hart) Gage, her father being a native of Portage County and her mother a native of Michigan. Mrs. Nichols was reared in Hiram Township and had a common school education. To their marriage have been born seven children. Bessie D. is the wife of O. V. Hudson of Akron, and they have had three children, but a son, named Paul V., is the only one living. Louis G., who lives on a farm in Eaton Township, married Metta Sayers and has one child named Ethel F. Arthur A. is an employe of the Big Four Railway Company. Martin E. is a motorman on the Green Line. Ralph A. is a clerk in a hardware store at Akron. Olive M. is the wife of Edward Bainbridge. Paul C. lives at home and assists his father in the management of the farm and dairy.

Mr. Nichols is a stanch republican, and for twenty years has served his township as assessor and was reelected for another term in 1915. He was elected trustee in 1896, and in 1915 was again chosen for that responsibility. In the way of public improvements he has always favored the construction and maintenance of good highways. He has also attended various county conventions as a delegate, and wherever possible has manifested his influence in behalf of improvement and progress. In 1916 he was appointed vice president for Eaton Township of the Lorain County Dairymen's Association, and since taking the office has succeeded in adding 167 to the membership of the association in his own township. For twenty-two years Mr. Nichols has been a member of the Knights of the Maccabees in Eaton Center, has filled all the chairs in the local or-



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ganization and has represented them in the Grand Lodge. There are many things about his farm which indicate his stand for improvement. In 1899 he put down a gas well 800 feet, has thoroughly tiled his land, and a few years ago he put up a silo 14x16 feet with a capacity of 150 tons.

CHARLES F. CUSHING, M. D. The dean of the medical profession in Lorain County is Dr. Charles F. Cushing, who, bearing the weight of more than eighty-six years, is still a loved and venerated member of local society at Elyria and has spent more than fifty years in kindly and skillful service to his fellow men. While he only occasionally counsels some of his former patients, Doctor Cushing was for years a friend and a physician to a wide circle of people in Lorain County. He was the pioneer of the homeopathic school of medicine in Lorain County, and in the early days did much through his own personal ability and character to overcome the prejudice with which at one time homeopathic doctors were regarded. Doctor Cushing is a man of gentle manner in all his dealings, and this quality, together with an expert knowledge and skill in medicine, won for him the strong affections of hundreds of families in this county.

The name Cushing has many familiar historical associations with New England. The early annals of Scituate, Massachusetts, frequently make mention of the name. Doctor Cushing's grandfather was Francis Cushing, who was born at Scituate, and became a shipbuilder. His greatest distinction was in acting as master builder during the construction of the frigate, renowned in American annals and song and story, the old Constitution. Charles Cushing, son of this shipbuilder, followed the calling of a farmer, and was also born at Scituate. He married Miss Sally R. Thayer, whose ancestors included members of the Turner family, also prominent in the early history of New England. Charles and Sally Cushing spent their lives in the East, and became the parents of ten children, one of whom is Dr. Charles F. Cushing of Elyria.

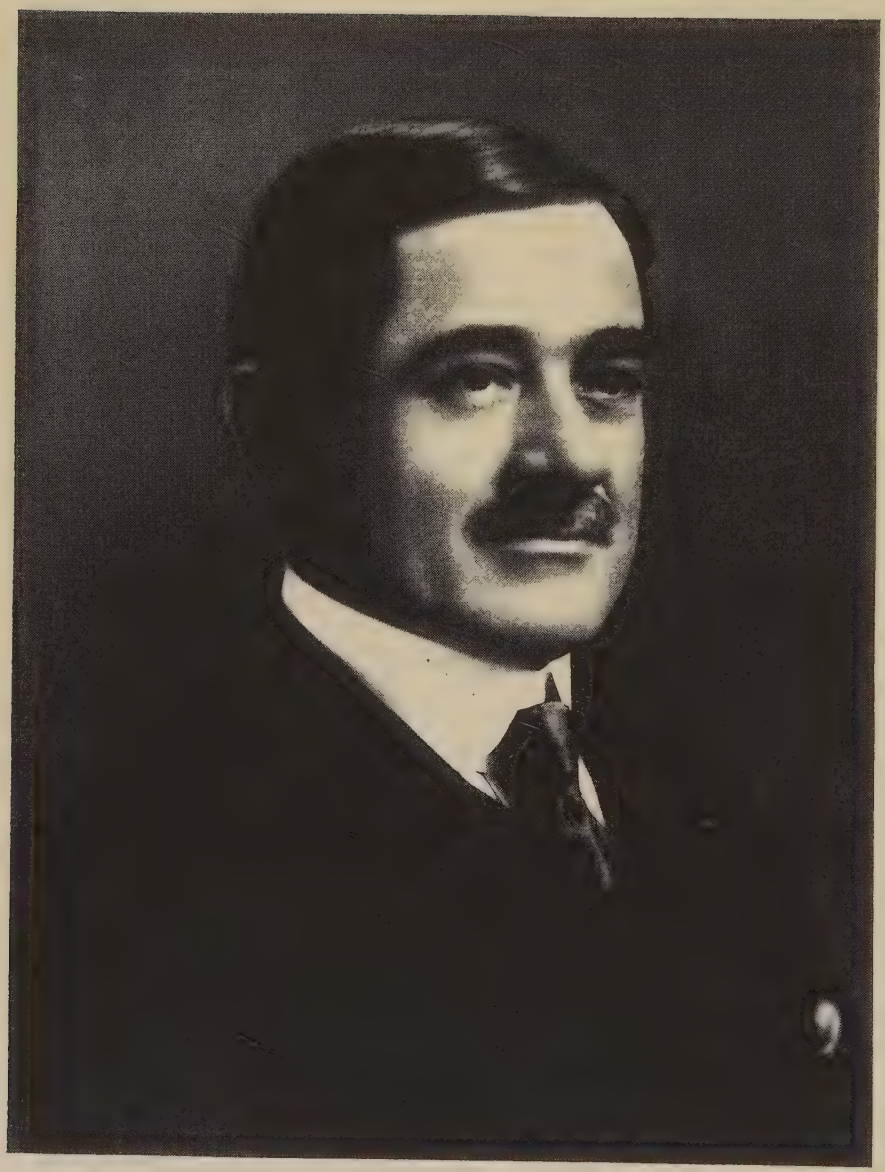
Charles F. Cushing was born in Turner, Maine, October 28, 1829. His eighty-six years have been filled with interesting experience and service. As a boy he had the surroundings and advantages of the average New England youth, his muscles being strengthened and disciplined by the work of the farm, while he sharpened his intelligence in the common schools and by three months of attendance at a select school. This brought him to the age of seventeen, at which time he bought "his time" from his father for $100. During the next four years he worked at any honest employment he could find, repaying the debt to his father, and also earning sufficient to carry him through higher school privileges at Lewiston Falls in the State of Maine. He worked at times on the farm and also as a school teacher, and after leaving New England followed teaching for three years in the South. After a short visit back East, he spent the five years from 1854 in California. His experiences there were of a varied nature. He was in the cities, at the gold diggings, for a time was proprietor of a hotel in the mountains, and finally became associated with a friend in improving a tract of land, which they fenced, prepared and planted with fruit trees and grape vines, and thus became pioneers in one of the greatest of modern California industries. It is interesting to recall the contract which existed between these partners: "He who first marries, to him shall this property belong." In fulfillment of this curious arrangement, the "ranche" finally went to the friend, while the other partner soon afterward returned East and located at Elyria.

While still in California Doctor Cushing took up the study of medicine with a Doctor Norman in Suisun Valley, and continued his readings at Cleveland, Ohio, with Dr. John Wheeler. He subsequently entered the Western Homeopathic College at Cleveland and graduated M. D. in the spring of 1861. For two winters he remained with his alma mater in Cleveland as demonstrator of anatomy. It was thus with an unusual equipment of natural talents and training that Doctor Cushing located in Elyria and began practice as an exponent of the Hahnemann principles of medicine.

Doctor Cushing was just the man to act as a pioneer in establishing new ideas against popular prejudices. He had the qualities of the real leader of men, readily won popular confidence, and the local esteem in which he was held is shown by an incident which occurred soon after he moved to Elyria. In 1862 he was requested to form a company of "squirrel hunters," for service in the Union army. He responded with alacrity, and a number of people can still recall his departure from Elyria as head of the company. For weeks he and his comrades were encamped at Gen. W. H. Harrison's old homestead, and finally after gallant and efficient service Governor Tod sent them home under Captain Cushing, who had been not only captain, but physician and friend to the men under him. Doctor Cushing has well deserved the honors which are paid to the veteran physician and surgeon of Elyria. While really retired, some of his friends still insist upon his ministrations as a medical adviser and physician. During his active career he enjoyed one of the best practices given to any physician in Lorain County. At one time he was surgeon for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, having succeeded Dr. E. P. Haines in that position after the latter's death. He continued as surgeon with this railway company until by general order the office was abolished. The most courteous relations have always existed between Doctor Cushing and his brother physicians, and at times too numerous to mention he has proved himself a sympathetic friend and adviser to young men starting out on their professional career. He is a member of the Lorain County Medical Society and Ohio State Medical Society, and is a consulting member of the staff of the Elyria Memorial Hospital. He also belongs to the Elyria Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Men's Club of the Congregational Church. In politics he is classed as a progressive republican.

Mrs. Charles F. Cushing, his wife, died at the old home on West Fifth Street in Elyria December 5, 1910. Her maiden name was Mary L. Hayward, and she was born at Elyria September 16, 1848. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Hayward, who, when she was a child, moved to Attleboro, Massachusetts, and subsequently to Brooklyn, New York. Miss Hayward and Dr. Charles F. Cushing were married at Brooklyn May 15, 1866, and the young couple soon afterwards returned to Elyria. To their marriage were born three children: Fannie and Helen, both of whom died in early childhood, and Charles H., a leading physician and surgeon of Elyria, whose career is the subject of another article in this work.

Like her husband, Mrs. Cushing was of fine old New England stock. Mention has already been made of Francis Cushing's connections as the builder of the old ship Constitution. When the time came for the breaking up of that boat after its service in the national navy, Mrs. Cushing's grandfather, Lyman Knowles, secured some of the timbers and from them made a carriage which he presented to President Jackson at Washington, District of Columbia. Mrs. Cushing took a prominent part in social affairs at Elyria and is particularly well remembered for



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her kindly nature. She was never known to speak disparagingly of anyone, and to the last had a faith in the essential goodness of human nature. Since her death Dr. Charles F. Cushing and his son, Dr. Charles H., and family have all lived under one roof and have one of the attractive homes of the city.

Charles Hayward Cushing, M. D. No name has been more prominently identified with the profession of medicine in Elyria than that of Cushing. In the twenty years since he began practice Dr. Charles H. Cushing has not only utilized the opportunities that come to an able and conscientious physician in his profession, but at the same time has become one of Elyria's leaders in business and civic and social life. His father is Dr. Charles F. Cushing, now one of the oldest members of the medical profession at Elyria, and he is now bringing his active career to a conclusion, gradually retiring from practice. A sketch of the life of Dr. Charles F. Cushing is found on other pages. The mother of Dr. C. H. Cushing was Mary Hayward Cushing, now deceased.

Those who have had an opportunity to follow closely the career of Doctor Cushing say that, though physically of medium size, he is endowed with wonderful physical endurance and that no man in the medical profession of Northern Ohio has put in more time devoted to the strenuous work of his calling. Besides the ability to work hard he has had training and is a man of great natural ability. Charles Hayward Cushing was born at Elyria, December 20, 1869, attended as a boy the public schools in Elyria, Oberlin College, and has won two degrees as doctor of medicine, one from the regular school and one from the School of Homeopathy. He was graduated from the Western Reserve University and from the Cleveland College of Physicians and Surgeons, has taken post-graduate courses in the New York Polyclinic and the New York Post-Graduate, in the Chicago Policlinic, in the Massachusetts General Hospital, and has also attended clinics abroad. His first regular position was as house surgeon in the Huron Road Hospital at Cleveland, and while there he gave evidence of that splendid ability that has characterized his subsequent career. On April 3, 1895, he successfully removed, and the operation is recorded in medical literature, a thirty-eight pound dermoid tumor. This major operation he performed before taking up regular practice as a physician and surgeon. Doctor Cushing has served as staff surgeon at the Elyria Memorial Hospital since its establishment, and on the Doctors' Advisory Board. He is surgeon for the New York Central Railway Company and the Lake Shore Electric Railway Company, surgeon for several of Elyria's largest industrial plants and examiner for about twenty old-line life insurance companies. He has been president of the staff of the Elyria Memorial Hospital, has been president of the Lorain County Medical Society, and is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Association of Railway Surgeons and the American Association of Orificial Surgeons.

His record in business and social life is one that deserves mention. He is vice president of the Eastern Heights Land Company, is a director in the Elyria Savings and Banking Company, in the Savings Deposit Bank and Trust Company, in the Hygienic Ice Company, and also in the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. He is a director and consulting physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association and chairman of the physical department of that association. Doctor Cushing has served as president of the Men's Club of the First Congregational Church, as president of the Elyria Country Club, and for four years was chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce. He

is a member of the Elyria Country Club and the Union Club of Cleveland.

On December 4, 1895, at Elyria, Doctor Cushing married Josephine Folger, a daughter of the late Mayor Thomas Folger, a prominent Elyria citizen whose career is traced on other pages of this publication. Mrs. Cushing, who is a graduate of Oberlin College, is active socially and was the first physical director in connection with that important department of one of Cleveland's prominent churches. Their children, all born in Elyria, are named: Thomas Folger Cushing, now a senior in the preparatory school of Oberlin, Ohio; Carl Folger Cushing, who has won distinction as an athlete at Culver Military Academy in Indiana; and John Turner Cushing, who is attending the graded schools.

JOHN AND CHARLES SCHAIBLE. One of the handsome and well-cultivated properties of Elyria Township is that belonging to the Schaible brothers, John and Charles, which is located on the old Telegraph Road, just outside the corporation limits of Elyria. They have passed their entire lives in this locality, where both have established reputations for industry and integrity, and have contributed in no small measure to the upbuilding and advancement of this part of Lorain County.

John Schaible was born August 15, 1855, and Charles June 5, 1852, in Elyria Township, being sons of Jacob and Catherine Barbara (Ramsayer) Schaible. The parents were natives of Bolanden, Oberamt Stuttgart, Germany, where they were married November 22, 1833, and came to the United States May 1, 1848, arriving in Elyria Township, Lorain County, Ohio, August 1 of that year. They were accompanied by five children, and four more were afterwards born to them in Ohio. Settling on the farm now owned by their sons, Charles and John, they continued to be industriously engaged in farming operations during the remaining years of their lives, and through their sterling traits of character impressed themselves upon their community and won and retained the esteem and regard of those with whom they came into contact. The father, who was born March 27, 1807, died February 9, 1874, while the mother, born February 9, 1817, died December 11, 1873. Of their eleven children, two died in infancy, while the others were as follows: Agnes Barbara, who is the widow of Frederick Theiss of Berea Township, and has five children: Mary Margaret, who is the wife of Martin Limb of Wooster, Ohio; Frederick, who died February, 1875, a farmer on Telegraph Road, inside the corporation limits of Elyria, married Marie Julia Rodsezzinsky, also deceased, and had an only daughter who survives them and is the owner of the farm: Henrietta Catherine, who is the wife of George Krieger, of Wooster, Ohio, and had five children, of whom two sons survive: Jacob E., a farmer of West Ridge, Elyria Township, who married Caroline Eppley, of Zanesville, Ohio, and has two children: Charles Henry and Carrie, the latter being the wife of George Horn, a farmer of Russia Township; Caroline, who died April 29, 1910; Charles and John, of this review; and Sophia.

The Schaible brothers were reared on the home farm and secured their educations in the public schools. When ready to enter upon their careers they adopted farming as a vocation in which to work out their success, and from the outset have been associated in every dealing. This partnership has been mutually beneficial and congenial and the brothers form a team that is hard to beat in matters agricultural. The home farm is a tract of sixty-four acres, in addition to which they own also two other farming tracts in Elyria Township, one being a farm of sixty acres on the old Telegraph Road, formerly known as the old West farm, and one on the West Ridge, consisting of 127 acres. Their land is all in a good

state of cultivation, with substantial buildings and up-to-date improvements and modern machinery, and a general air of prosperity gives evidence of the presence of good management and well-directed effort. While the land is given over principally to general farming, the brothers are also engaged in raising some good cattle, which, while not thoroughbred, is constantly being improved, the Messrs. Schaible working towards a better class of cattle. For several years they were also engaged in breeding race horses, and while a number of years have passed since they abandoned this business, as well as that of racing the animals, the records still bear witness to the speed of their animals, notable among which was the famous "Fleetwood."

Both brothers are good citizens, ever ready to help in all public-spirited movements, and find their greatest pleasure in the cultivation of their fields, the raising of fat, contented live stock, and the tending of a promising and productive orchard.

Anson O. West has made his success as a practical farmer and dairyman and is one of the live and progressive citizens of Pittsfield Township. At different times in his career he has been honored with several township offices, and his dependability has been a prominent characteristic in all his relations. Besides general farming he also conducts a dairy of about fifteen cows.

Practically all his life has been spent on the farm, and he now owns the place in Pittsfield Township on which he was born August 7, 1856. His parents were Oliver and Phoebe F. (Messenger) West. His paternal grandfather was Joshua West, a native of Massachusetts, who subsequently moved out to Ohio and spent the rest of his days as a farmer in this state. The Wests are of English ancestry. The maternal grandfather was Anson Messenger, who was an early settler in Portage County, Ohio. Oliver West, who was born at Lee, Massachusetts, in 1907, died in 1883. He came out to Ohio in 1832 and bought a farm at Wellington, where he lived for some eight or nine years, and then moved to Portage County, but in 1842 returned to Lorain County and acquired a tract of wild land consisting of about a hundred acres. He applied himself industriously to the clearing up of this place, constructed substantial farm buildings, and lived there until his death. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church and in politics he was a republican. His wife, Miss Messenger, was born in Portage County, Ohio, in 1820, and died in 1896. They reared three children, and the only one now living is Anson O.

Anson O. West while growing up on the home farm in Pittsfield Township attended the district school there and was also a student in Oberlin College for several terms. Having been reared to farm work he adopted it as his permanent vocation, and all his efforts have been confined to his native farm. In 1896 he bought the interests of the other heirs, and now has a well equipped farmstead of one hundred eighteen acres. While the farm has been under his ownership he has constructed and remodeled some of the buildings, and now has everything he requires for successful agriculture in this section of Ohio.

In 1880 Mr. West married Miss Grace Rogers. Mrs. West is a native of England, and her father John Rogers came to Lorain County in 1869 and spent the rest of his days here. Mr. and Mrs. West have three children: Nettie V., at home; John Oliver, who conducts the farm for his father; and Fannie Ann, who is attending Ohio University at Athens. Mrs. West is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church while he remains true to the faith in which he was reared, the Congregational.

He is also affiliated with the Maccabees Order and in politics is a republican.

Burdette S. Smith. Nearly every one in Lorain is now acquainted with the substantial position occupied by Burdette S. Smith, as head of an electrical contracting and garage and automobile plant, but comparatively few know of the struggles by which he has won his way to success.

Very early in life, on account of the death of his mother, he had to turn his time to account in making his own way in the world. He had been born at Ludington, Michigan, June 6, 1876. His father, Samuel Smith, was a foreman in the lumber camps of Northern Michigan during the high tide of the lumber industry. The mother was Loretta Smith. On account of the breaking up of the home through the death of the mother, Burdette S. Smith, who in the meantime had acquired only a limited amount of education in the public schools, went east to New York City, and for a time sold papers on the streets. The position which had a great deal to do with his subsequent destiny was employment with the telephone company, and he soon became an operator, and from that got into the more technical part of the business as a switchboard and cable man, and eventually was made foreman of a gang of men performing this class of work. In that way he acquired a thorough practical knowledge of electrical construction and operation, and his main business career has been identified chiefly with things electrical.

In 1900 Mr. Smith came to Lorain to take charge of the telephone department of the National Tube Company. Later he organized the Lorain Electrical Construction Company, of which he became manager, secretary and treasurer, and in September, 1914, he bought the controlling interests and then changed the name to the Lorain Electric & Auto Company. This is now a substantial industry at Lorain, and Mr. Smith built the structure which his plant occupies, a two-story brick building, 33 by 143 feet deep, all of which is occupied by his shops and garage. He also has a two-story warehouse, 25 by 50 feet. Besides his general repair and electrical contracting business he handles the agency for the Ford and Buick automobiles.

Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason, and is a life member of Al-Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland, Ohio. He is one of the most popular business men of Lorain. On June 1, 1902, he married Miss Lulu White of Vermilion, Ohio. Their three children are named Chester Burdette, Blanche Dee and Paul White.

William E. Avery. Several generations of the Avery family have lived in Lorain County and have performed their part as citizens with spirit and credit to themselves. The name is one of the most honored in the rural district of the county and one of the older living representatives is William E. Avery whose fine farm home is situated in the vicinity of Wellington.

He was born in Pittsfield Township June 26, 1848, a son of Carlos and Martha (McKnaught) Avery. His paternal grandparents both died in Massachusetts, while his maternal grandfather John McKnaught was a native of Ireland, a shoemaker by trade, and died at Waterloo, Iowa. Carlos Avery was born in Massachusetts in January, 1808, and died in December, 1892. He was married at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, to Miss McKnaught, who was born at New Lebanon, New York, in 1822, and died in 1904. In a very early day his parents came west and located in Lorain County and established their home on a farm in Pittsfield Town-

Burdette S. Smith

ship. Carlos Avery was one of the sturdy pioneers who helped to develop the communities of Lorain County, and his first purchase of land was ninety-six acres, while later he bought ninety-eight more. After clearing up his land and living in a style of utmost simplicity for some years he had prospered so as to build for his family a substantial brick house, and he spent the rest of his days in comfort. While his wife was a member of the Congregational Church, he was a regular attendant of the Methodist, and he not only went to church on Sundays and other meeting days, but he carried his Christianity into his everyday life, and he also made his children attend church and encouraged them to similar piety. In the early days he took his family to church in an ox cart. He was an unusually fine type of the early settler, and was well read and educated beyond the standard of the men of his time. In politics he was a democrat, but his chief interest was in promoting the good of his home locality, particularly the schools. He served as a school director for a number of years, and led the movement for the erection of one of the first schoolhouses in Pittsfield Township. Carlos Avery and wife had five children, and the four now living are: Mary Elizabeth, widow of William Worthing and living at Colorado Springs; William E.; Charles, a retired citizen of Oberlin; and Harriet, wife of Frank Gifford, who is living retired at Wellington.

William E. Avery had the advantage of the schools in Pittsfield Township during the decades of the '50s and early '60s, and has always appreciated the fine training which he received at home under the direction of his father. He also attended the Wellington Academy and completed his education by a business course at Oberlin.

On December 13, 1871, Mr. Avery married Sarah Rawson, daughter of Zera and Martha (Ames) Rawson. Her father was born in 1822 and died February 11, 1898, and was for many years a successful farmer in Pittsfield Township. On September 23, 1840, he married Miss Ames, who was born in Jefferson County, New York, July 13, 1823, and died at the advanced age of ninety-two on December 31, 1915. After their marriage they located in Pittsfield Township, where they assisted in converting a portion of the wilderness into a good home, and they finally moved to Michigan where both Mr. and Mrs. Rawson died. Of their nine children all are still living, and Mrs. Avery was the sixth in order of birth. She has one brother who lives in Norwalk, Ohio, while the others reside in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery have three children: Lula is the wife of Mark A. Whitney of Oberlin. Edith married George Hines of Pittsfield Township and they have one child, Luella May. Winfield some years ago had both feet cut off in a railroad wreck, but is showing his capacity for work in spite of this handicap and is now a bookkeeper with the railway company at Cleveland. He married Amanda Sehlobohm and has two children, Karl William and Scott Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Avery are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with the Knights and Ladies of Security. In politics a republican, he has been quite active in local affairs, has served as a member of the election board and as school director and for a number of years was president of the school board. Some years ago Mr. Avery acquired the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead in Pittsfield Township, and now has a fine farm of nearly ninety-five acres, and gives his entire time and attention to the business of general farming.

Floyd G. Avery. Among the younger men who in recent years have assumed the major responsibilities in the conduct of Lorain County's agricultural interests is Floyd G. Avery, who is still in his '30s and yet

has established himself securely in the farming community around Oberlin, and is making a success partly on his own land and partly on land that he rents.

A native of Lorain County, he was born in Pittsfield Township May 20, 1879, a son of Charles F. and Martha (Preston) Avery. His grandparents, Carlos and Martha Avery, were early settlers in Lorain County. Carlos Avery was a native of Connecticut and was well known among the early settlers of this section of Ohio. The maternal grandfather, William Preston, was a native of England and spent many years in Lorain County, finally passing away at Oberlin. Charles F. Avery was born in Pittsfield Township and is living at Oberlin with his wife, who is a native of Sullivan, Ohio. They were married in Lorain County, and Charles Avery followed farming actively until 1900, at which date he retired and moved to Oberlin. There are four children: Lewis, of Oberlin, who is employed at the car barns at Elyria; Leland, who is manager for the Sterns automobile business at Cleveland; Phoebe, wife of C. C. Sheffield, a farmer in Pittsfield Township; and Floyd G. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father is a democrat and for a number of years filled an office on the school board.

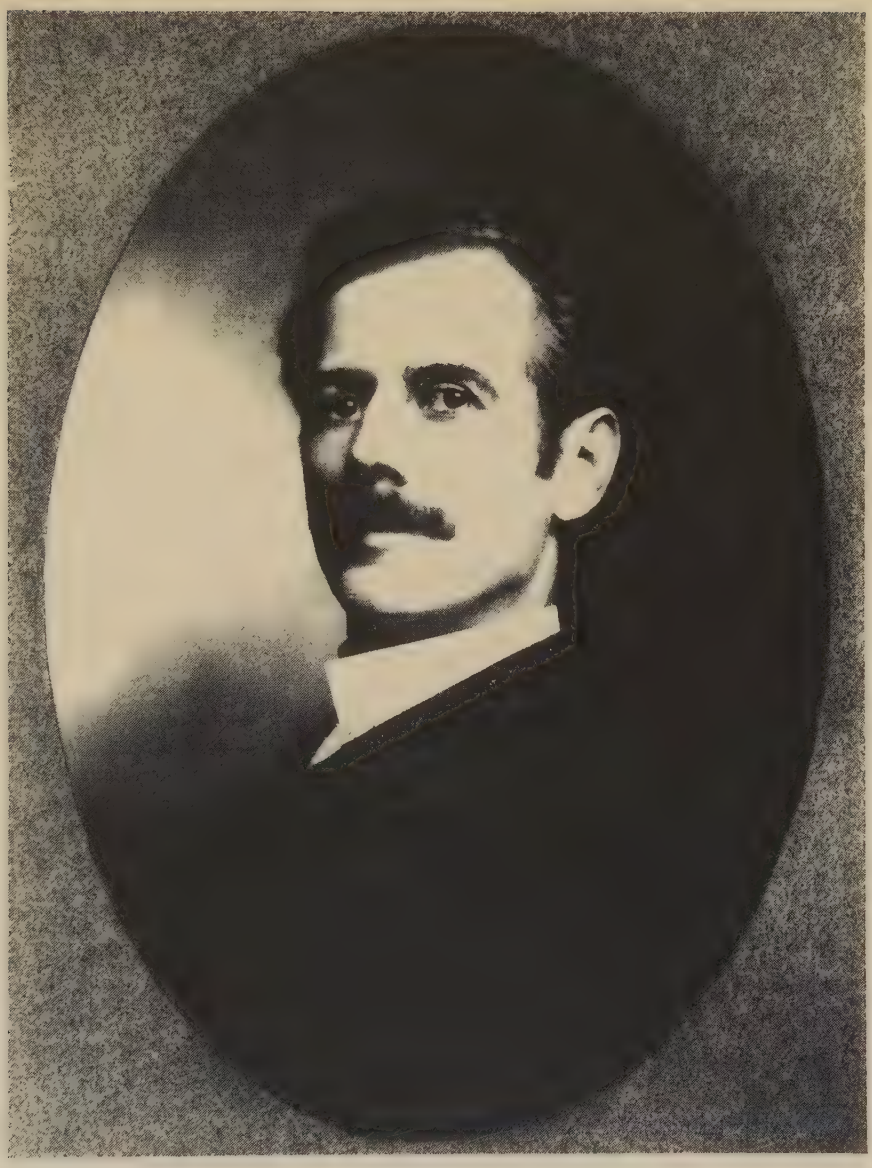
Floyd G. Avery acquired his early education in the schools of Pittsfield Township, and grew up on his father's farm. He spent three years as a farmer on part of his father's land, but at the present time he owns thirty-five acres and operates under lease one hundred acres belonging to his father-in-law and is rapidly getting ahead in the world.

At Christmas, 1900, Mr. Avery married Miss Cora Sherburne, daughter of Arthur and Ada (Whitney) Sherburne, a farmer of Pittsfield Township. They have four children: Treva, Kenneth, Knowlton and Charles. The two older children are both in school. Mr. and Mrs. Avery are members of the Grange and belong to the Congregational Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and in politics is a republican. He has made himself a factor in local affairs, and in 1913 was elected township trustee and reelected in 1915. He has served six years as school director.

William Lewis Hughes. Among the leading members of the Lorain County bar, William Lewis Hughes, city solicitor of Lorain, has brought to the practice of his calling broad scholarship, comprehensive training and a fine legal mind. Instead of selecting his life calling in the untried enthusiasm of extreme youth, Mr. Hughes made his choice with a mature mind, trained to thoughtfulness by years of experience as an educator and to a full realization of the possibilities and responsibilities which professional practice entails.

William L. Hughes belongs to a family whose members have resided in Ohio since 1825, in which year his grandfather, Hezekiah Hughes, migrated to Belmont County and took up his residence in a wild and uncultivated community where he established his home and after years of endeavor succeeded in clearing and cultivating a farm. From that time this family has had much to do with agricultural interests here, but a number of the name have also engaged with success in business and the professions. The parents of Mr. Hughes, Preston and Mary A. (Fisher) Hughes, were born in Belmont County, Ohio, and there their entire careers have been passed, the father being a well-to-do fruit farmer.

William Lewis Hughes was born on the homestead place in Belmont County, Ohio, July 22, 1860, and there received his education in the district and normal schools. At the age of twenty years he secured a teacher's certificate and began teaching in the public schools, and during



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his fifteen years of connection with the educational profession became one of the best known and most proficient and popular educators in that part of Ohio. Much of his time during the summer months was spent on the farm, and toward the close of his work as an instructor he applied himself to the study of law, being finally admitted to the bar in December, 1894. Selecting the City of Lorain as his field of endeavor, in 1895 he entered general practice here, opened an office and enrolled his name among the practitioners of the city. Unusual ability, great natural resource and firm belief in the best tenets of his profession soon made him a factor to be reckoned with, and in the course of his professional life many of the most important municipal cases in this part of the state have received his support. In 1897 he was elected city solicitor of Lorain, an office which he still retains. While Mr. Hughes' practice has been broad and general in its nature, embracing all the branches of his calling, he has, perhaps, gained his reputation principally in the field of municipal law, of which he is an acknowledged master. He is a valued member of the Lorain County Bar Association, and has been connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias since 1889, having been past chancellor in 1890. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and is vice president of the Methodist Brotherhood. Mr. Hughes is esteemed for his many excellent qualities of heart and mind, for his thorough knowledge of the theory and practice of law, and for a public spiritedness which has ever prompted a sane and practical interest in those measures which tend to greater happiness, stability and good government.

On July 21, 1891, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Leonora Dickerson, of Harrison County, Ohio, a member of a family which was founded there in 1805 by her great-grandfather, Thomas Dickerson. This family has been for years one of the best known and most highly esteemed in that county, and some of its members built the first Methodist Episcopal church in Southeastern Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are the parents of four children, two dying in infancy and Izetta Lucile, who is studying music at Oberlin College, and Inez Leone, who is attending the public schools.

Amos E. Lawrence. During nearly fifteen years of active practice at Elyria Mr. Lawrence has distinguished himself for solid ability as a lawyer, is one of the leaders of the Lorain County bar, and at the same time the community have often looked to his interest and support for many enterprises and movements that would advance the city and surrounding country.

His birth occurred on a farm in Florence Township of Erie County, Ohio, February 9, 1862, and he belongs to the sturdy and excellent stock of New England and the Ohio Western Reserve. His parents were Charles D. and Hannah E. (Green) Lawrence, both of whom are still living (1915) at Birmingham in Erie County, the father at the age of seventy-seven and the mother at seventy-six. In the direct line of ancestry Mr. Lawrence is separated by three generations from a patriot soldier of the Revolutionary war. Amos Lawrence, a son of this Revolutionary soldier, was a soldier in the War of 1812. His son also named Amos Lawrence was born in New Hampshire, February 27, 1812, and was the grandfather of the Elyria attorney. He was an early settler in Northern Ohio, having first located in Cuyahoga County, but soon afterwards moved into Erie County and spent the rest of his life as a farmer in Florence Township. Charles D. Lawrence was born October 12, 1838, on the banks of Cuyahoga River, but has spent practically all his life in Erie County, where a few years ago he retired from the active cares of farming and has since enjoyed the pleasures of a good home at Birmingham. Charles D. Lawrence was reared in the Presbyterian Church but

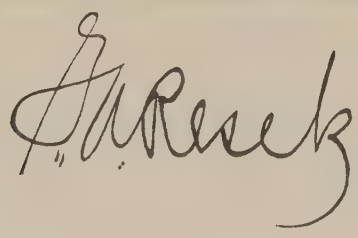
he and his wife have long been members of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Mrs. Charles D. Lawrence was born in Michigan, a daughter of Silas Green. All their four children are still living. Amos E. being the oldest; Lillian is now Mrs. W. P. Almroth of Big Rapids, Michigan; C. A. is a successful merchant at Owosso, Michigan; and Mrs. L. R. Heinzerling lives at Elyria

The first eighteen years of his life Amos E. Lawrence spent on his father's farm in Erie County and the family then removing to LaGrange in Lorain County, he attended high school there and soon qualified himself for teaching. For eleven years Mr. Lawrence was one of the efficient and popular teachers in the district and village schools, spending the winter in that work while the summer seasons were usually devoted to farming. He was married at the age of twenty-two to Miss Josie Humphrey, who was born at LaGrange, a daughter of Sylvester G. and Laura (Ensign) Humphrey. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence lived on their farm in LaGrange Township, and he looked after its management in addition to his school duties.

At the age of thirty-six in 1897 Mr. Lawrence began the study of law in the office of William B. Johnston of Elyria, and has been in active practice since his admission to the bar in June, 1901. For the first six years he carried on an individual practice and then in May, 1907, formed a partnership with Lorenzo D. Hamlin under the firm name of Lawrence & Hamlin, but since the dissolution of this partnership in September, 1909, Mr. Lawrence has again practiced alone. He is now a lawyer in two states, having been admitted to the bar of Florida, in February, 1915. Mr. Lawrence has considerable property interests in that state, and spent three months of the winter of 1914-15 there. He has established a home in DeSoto County near Sebring, Florida, not so much as a resort for pleasure, but from a business standpoint. He has developed a grape fruit and orange grove of twenty acres, and has thirty acres in his farm. Mr. Lawrence has his offices in the Masonic Temple at Elyria, and has a large and valuable law library, and in the past fifteen years has handled a large volume of general practice in all the courts of Lorain County. While he was carrying on his law studies he was twice elected and served two terms as justice of the peace. In 1907 he was elected secretary of The Lorain County Bar Association and held that office until January, 1915.

In politics Mr. Lawrence is a republican and has taken much part in the local work of the party. Fraternally he is affiliated with LaGrange Lodge No. 399, Free and Accepted Masons at LaGrange, and with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have two daughters, Mrs. W. P. Babcock and Mrs. J. M. Dougherty, both of Elyria, and both were born in Lorain County and received their education in the local schools Mr. Lawrence also has five grandchildren, all boys, one being the son of his daughter, Eva J., who married Mr. W. P. Babcock, and four being children of his daughter, Sylvia O., the wife of James M. Dougherty.

G. Adolphus Resek. The increasing tendency of men learned in the science of law to embark in enterprises outside of their professional field of endeavor has resulted in numerous advantages. This is one of the benefits of a profession which equips its followers for success in more lines of business than any other, and the natural result is an elevating of commercial standards, and a general simplifying of conditions through a knowledge of fundamental principles and limitations. An illustration of this modern type of attorney is found in the person of G. Adolphus Resek, of Lorain, who is one of the leaders of the Lorain County bar, a prominent factor in the commercial and industrial life of this part of



Northern Ohio. Mr. Resek is a refutation of the old adage that "the shoemaker should stick to his last," for from the start of his career each successive change which he has made has brought him added prosperity and prestige.

Mr. Resek was born at Cleveland, Ohio, March 10, 1872, and is a son of Joachim and Charlotte (Singer) Resek. His father, a native of Prague, Bohemia, came to the United States in 1867, and passed seventeen years in business at Cleveland, in 1884 coming to Lorain, where he established himself as the proprietor of a merchandise store. Here he continued to engage in business until his death, which occurred in 1904. He was a man in whose life the qualities of industry and integrity were well blended, winning him honorable success and the esteem and respect of those with whom he was in any way associated. Mrs. Resek passed away in 1876, when her son was only four years of age.

G. A. Resek received his early education in the graded schools of Cleveland, and was twelve years of age when he accompanied his father to Lorain. Here he completed his education in the Lorain High School, from which he was duly graduated, and at once entered upon his business career, receiving his introduction to business methods as clerk in a dry goods store in Michigan. After one year, the serious illness of his father caused him to return to Lorain, where he took charge of his father's business, and managed it well until the elder man's recovery and return to active participation in commercial affairs. Mr. Resek's entrance into the law came about as a result of his election to the office of city auditor, in 1896, when he became the first auditor under the first city charter. In that capacity he served capably for four years, and during this time found it necessary to familiarize himself with various branches of the law. In this way he became interested in its study, and eventually decided to engage in the profession, and after several years of devoted study was admitted to practice, in 1900. He immediately opened an office at Lorain, and here has since continued in general practice, his clientele having grown to large and important proportions. Mr. Resek's practice has covered a wide range. He has a brilliant record as a trial lawyer, but his constructive ability, as shown by the various organizations and reorganizations with which he has been connected, has won for him a still higher place in the esteem and confidence of his clients. He was the reorganizer of the City Bank Company, of Lorain, of which he is attorney and a director, and is also attorney for the Lorain Banking Company, the Lake Shore Electric Company, the Lorain Street Railway Company, and other large corporations. He is also president of the Standard Hardware Company and secretary of the Lorain Sand and Gravel Company. Mr. Resek holds membership in the Lorain County Bar Association and for fifteen years has been a member of the Ohio State Bar Association. He has kept in touch with his old schoolmates, and in 1915 was elected president of the Lorain High School Alumni Association. Fraternally, he is widely connected, being a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of the Masonic fraternity the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, and in the last named is past chancellor. He is a republican, but of recent years has not been active politically, for the reason that his law practice and business relations have practically absorbed his entire time and strength to the exclusion of everything else.

On September 12, 1904, Mr. Resek was married to Miss Clara Norton, of Wooster, daughter of Albert James and Marjory (Piper) Norton, residents of Wayne County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Resek are the parents of one daughter: Rhea Charlotte.

JOSEPH WESBECHER. About forty-five years ago Joseph Wesbecher arrived at Amherst a young journeyman tinsmith. He had been in this country only about three years, and had hardly mastered the language and become familiar with American customs and institutions. Industry, the ability to adapt himself to circumstances, good business judgment and enterprise have since made Joseph Wesbecher a wealthy and influential citizen, and he has well earned his position at Amherst.

The business with which his name has been longest associated is known as the Wesbecher Hardware Company, which is incorporated with a capital of forty thousand dollars and of which he is president and general manager. His son Henry Wesbecher is secretary. Mr. Wesbecher is also one of the directors of the Amherst German Bank Company, is interested in the U. S. Automatic Company and the Cold Storage Plant, and is one of the leaders in that group of men whose influence and enterprise carry the heaviest burdens of business responsibility in Lorain County.

Joseph Wesbecher was born in Mugensturm Baden, Germany, February 25, 1852, a son of Aloise and Martha (Melcher) Wesbecher. His father spent his life as a farmer in Baden and the family were all reared in the Catholic faith. There were eight children, and the three still living are: John, a farmer in Ohio; George, an upholsterer at Greensburg, Pennsylvania; and Joseph.

Leaving home at an early age after getting the ordinary education in the German schools, Joseph Wesbecher came to America and in 1869 at the age of seventeen found himself at Youngstown, Ohio. He spent a summer working on a farm, and then went to Crestline, Ohio, and learned the tinner's trade. That trade has been the foundation of his business success, and he still qualifies as an expert in that mechanical occupation. In 1872 he came to Amherst and worked at his trade for others for four years, and then bought the establishment of Mr. Jacob Stahl. Since then he has been in the tin and hardware business and has one of the largest stores in the county.

In 1879 Mr. Wesbecher married Matilda Plato, a daughter of John Plato, who for many years was in the grocery business at Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Wesbecher have six children Henry A., who is associated with his father in business at Amherst; Carl A., in the real estate business in California; Edith, wife of Emmett Lahiff, who is a steam shovel engineer at Berea, Ohio; Leo, connected with a construction company in New York; Lucile, at home; and Frank, also at home. The family are members of the Catholic Church and the sons, C. A. and Frank, belong to the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Wesbecher in politics is a democrat.

CHARLES C. SCHWARZ. Progressive farming at its best is well illustrated on Rose Lawn Farm, whose proprietor is Charles C. Schwarz. Rose Lawn is located in Grafton Township, on Center Road, a mile and a quarter from Belden postoffice, and on rural route No. 3.

The proprietor of this farm has usually been the first to introduce improved machinery and methods for the handling of his crops and the preparation of his soil for cultivation. He has the distinction of having been the first agriculturist in that township to buy a manure spreader. That was back in 1897. In 1898 he built the first silo in that community and constructed one on more modern plans in 1913. He bought a hay loader in 1902, a corn harvester in 1901, and in his dairy introduced the use of a cream separator. He also brought in power to run the machinery of his barn and workhouses, and bought his first gasoline engine in 1900. All his feed is ground by machinery on the place. Another

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fact that should be noted is that Mr. Schwarz has had a hired assistant on his farm who has been continuously in his employ for the past ten years.

Charles C. Schwarz is a native of Cleveland, where he was born August 23, 1858, a son of Christian Jacob and Christine (Bleil) Schwarz. When he was ten years of age his father removed from Cleveland to Liverpool, Ohio, where his father carried on a meat market for several years. Later he bought forty-three acres of the land where his son Charles now resides in Grafton Township, and gradually added to his ownership until he was proprietor of one hundred sixty-one acres. He spent the rest of his days there and died in 1897, being survived by his widow for ten years. Christian Schwarz was a democrat in politics, a member of the Lutheran Church, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a man of high standing in any community where he made his home. Charles G. Schwarz is the oldest of a family of six. His brother Fred J. lives west of Elyria. Albert William died in 1910 leaving a family of ten children. Ida Louise is the wife of Edwin R. Mennell. Rose K. is the wife of L. O. Longwell and lives in Grafton. Bertha is the wife of J. L. Bessing and also lives in Grafton.

Charles C. Schwarz grew to manhood on the old homestead in Lorain County, acquired his education partly in Cleveland and partly in Liverpool and has made farming his regular vocation since youth. After his father's death he bought out the interests of the other heirs, and Rose Lawn now comprises 131 well tilled and valuable acres.

Besides the improvements already mentioned Mr. Schwarz in 1914 built a fine basement barn on a foundation 80x36 feet, with an "L" 34x50 feet and with 24-foot posts. The barn is 48 feet from the foundation to the peak. It is solidly built and in equipment is hardly excelled by any other in the county. It has a cement floor, and there is room for the stabling of 38 head of livestock besides four or five box stalls. Mr. Schwarz maintains a dairy of 24 cows, and uses the product in the making of butter.

After he reached his majority he started as a republican voter, but is now aligned with the progressives. He has never been a politician, though his fellow citizens have shown much confidence in his judgment and he is now serving his second term as township trustee. He is a member and has filled all the chairs in the Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees at Grafton. Mr. Schwarz is well read and well informed on all the leading issues of the day and in his work as a farmer has not only benefited by his own experience but has made use of the experiences of others.

James F. Strenick. Since 1903 Mr. Strenick has been engaged in the practice of his profession in the City of Lorain, where his sterling character, his ability and his distinctive success in his chosen sphere of endeavor have given him secure standing as one of the representative members of the bar of Lorain County, besides which he is known as a citizen whose loyalty and public spirit are of the staunchest order.

James Franklin Strenick was born at West Salem, Wayne County, Ohio, on the 5th of July, 1874, and is a son of James and Amanda Jane (Royer) Strenick, who still maintain their home there, the father having been for many years associated with railroad operations. In the public schools of his native town Mr. Strenick continued his studies until he had completed the curriculum of the high school, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1894. From that time forward he was identified with the mercantile business, and he then followed the course of his ambitious purpose and entered the law department of the Uni-

versity of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1903 and from which he received his well-earned degree of Bachelor of Laws. In July of the same year he established his home at Lorain, and here he has since continued in the successful general practice of his profession, with well-established reputation as a versatile advocate and well fortified and judicious counselor. He is an appreciative and popular member of the Lorain County Bar Association, served as assistant city solicitor from 1908 to 1911, and on May 2d of the latter year he became the incumbent of the office of justice of the peace. In January, 1908, he assumed the office of treasurer of Black River Township, in which fiduciary position he served two terms. In his home city Mr. Strenick is affiliated with the lodge, chapter and council bodies of the York Rite of the Masonic fraternity, and he holds membership also in the local organizations of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Foresters, and other organizations. His political allegiance is given to the republican party.

August 28, 1896, recorded the marriage of Mr. Strenick to Miss Arline Mellen, of Burbank, Wayne County, Ohio, and their only child is Helen, who was born October 1, 1902.

Mennell Family. Fully ninety years have passed since the Mennell family was first established in the then wilderness of Lorain County. During all that time the principal seat and home has been in Grafton Township, and one of the grandsons of the pioneer still occupies a farm included in the original possessions of the family in this county.

The founder of the name in this county was Crispin Mennell who married Elizabeth Welburn. Their only son was Duke Mennell, who was born in Yorkshire, England, May 8, 1810. When Crispin Mennell emigrated to America in 1817 his son Duke remained with his maternal grandfather until 1823, and then came to America with his two uncles, Jesse and William Welburn, joining his parents in Massachusetts.

Crispin Mennell on first coming to America lived in Albany, New York, and was there during the great conflagration which almost destroyed that city. He then moved to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and while living there his son Duke joined him in 1823.

It was in the year 1826 that the Mennell family pioneered westward and located in Lorain County. After securing a tract of land in the wilderness of Grafton Township Crispin Mennell began the improvements which have made that one of the oldest cultivated farms in the townships and he subsequently built a substantial house about three-quarters of a mile from where his grandson Jay D. now lives. Crispin Mennell died May 22, 1857, on J. D. Mennell's present farm.

Duke Mennell, who was thirteen years of age when he came to America, acquired a fair common school education and was a vigorous youth and able to assist materially in the development of the first farm owned by the family in Grafton Township.

On June 23, 1835, he was married in Lorain County to Rachel Curtis, a daughter of Theodore Curtis. Their married companionship was broken by the death of the wife on September 29, 1858. In the meantime eight children had been born to them. On October 10, 1861, Duke Mennell married for his second wife Mrs. Mary A. (Hardy) Johnson. By this union there were four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Perry D., Jay D., Allen E. and Elizabeth M. The last named is now the wife of John Lafferty of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Duke Mennell was an active democrat until the Civil war and then became equally ardent as a republican. He was honored by such offices as township trustee and was a man valuable to his community in

many ways. His death occurred September 17, 1889, while his second wife passed away November 2, 1907. By his first marriage the eight children were born: Elizabeth, deceased; Andrew Jackson, deceased; Meadore; Mary; Anna, deceased; Charles, deceased; Flora; and Elmer.

JAY D. MENNELL. The old homestead of the Mennell family in Grafton Township has as its proprietor Jay D. Mennell, who has attained to considerable note in Lorain County as a general farmer and stock raiser and dairyman. He has been especially successful in the breeding of Holstein cattle. His farm is about two and a half miles from Grafton, located on rural route No. 2 out of that city.

He was born in the house he now occupies and which was built by his grandfather. His birth occurred June 7, 1867, and he is a son of Duke and Mary (Hardy) Mennell. He was reared with all the advantages of a typical Lorain County home of thirty or forty years ago, and acquired a common school education. On December 31, 1889, at Litchfield, Ohio, Mr. Mennell married Miss Vienna G. Crow. She was born at Ontario, Vernon County, Wisconsin, a daughter of Leander and Emma (Fuller) Crow. Her father was born in Medina County, Ohio, while her mother was an Englishwoman and came to America with her parents, who first located in New York and afterwards moved out to Vernon County, Wisconsin. Mrs. Mennell's father moved from Ohio to Wisconsin, where he met and married his wife, and some years later they returned to Litchfield, Ohio, where Mrs. Mennell received most of her education. For five years before her marriage she was a successful teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Mennell have two children: Leander D. attended the country schools and in 1909 was graduated from the Elyria High School. After three years as a teacher in Grafton Township he entered the Ohio State University in the agricultural and scientific departments, and will graduate in 1916.

The daughter Irma who graduated from the Elyria High School in 1911, taught four years in Grafton Township and is now the wife of Arthur L. Wise and lives in Grafton Township. Mr. Jay D. Mennell is independent in politics, is a stanch supporter of the prohibition movement and has always steadfastly refused any official honors. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

ALLEN E. MENNELL. Another representative of the Mennell family whose activities have gained him a worthy place in the sturdy agricultural class of Grafton Township is Allen E. Mennell, whose home is on Center Road between LaGrange and Belden.

He is a son of Duke and Mary A. (Hardy) Mennell, and was born at the old homestead January 15, 1870, in the house now owned by his brother, Jay D. Mennell. His early boyhood and youth were spent on the old farm until he was about twenty years of age. He had a fair common school education, and at his father's death inherited eighty acres of land. This land had not a single improvement, not even a well, and consequently it provided a severe test of his enterprise and industry. That land has been the scene of his effective endeavors for the past quarter of a century and with it as a foundation he has conducted a business as a farmer and stockman which is deserving of special attention.

In the meantime on September 28, 1889, in York Township of Medina County he married Miss Louise G. Erhart. She was born and reared in York Township, a daughter of Joseph and Geneva (Musser) Erhart. The parents were born and were married at what is now Valley City, Ohio, then known as Liverpool. Her father was a farmer.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Mennell began making a home and farm out of his eighty acres. In order to provide a habitation he secured a little building which had formerly been the shop of a dental practitioner and moved it onto his land and by some simple changes made it a fairly comfortable home, in which he and his family lived for ten years. He also erected a small barn, and that is still in use serving as a storage place for tools and for a garage. Year after year he made other changes, put the land under cultivation and the culmination of his prosperity came in 1900 when he erected his present fine home. It is modern in every respect, has nine rooms and basement, and natural gas supplies the fuel for kitchen and furnace heat.

Still another improvement came in 1905 when he built a bank barn on a foundation 36x66 feet with 20-foot posts. This barn has a cement floor and facilities for stabling eighteen cows and eight head of horses. This is only to mention the most prominent features about the Mennell farm, but it is sufficient to indicate that it is one of the best equipped and best managed in Grafton Township. Mr. and Mrs. Mennell have two children. Harland was born in the home afforded by the reconstruction of the dental office on August 14, 1890. He graduated from the Elyria High School and he married Ruth Harrison of Grafton. For a time he was a conductor on the Interurban Railway at Burton, then moved to Grafton and was in similar service on the Green Line Interurban but is now a practical farmer in LaGrange Township. He and his wife have two children: Millicent, born at Chardon, Ohio, September 6, 1912; and Gwendolyn, who was born at LaGrange, February 6, 1915.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mennell is Fawn G., who was born in the new home of her parents February 28, 1901, and is now a freshman in the Elyria High School.

Politically Mr. Mennell has chosen an independent attitude, though usually a republican, and has served three years as township treasurer. However, he is not a seeker for official honors. He and his wife and daughter are members of the Grange. He is a member of the Maccabees.

Lawrence Anthony Burgett. The vocation of contracting and building, of housing the people and the enterprises which make up a community, is one of the oldest and most honorable known to man. In every part of the civilized globe the builder is found as an absolute necessity, and as the opportunities of the calling include few cross-cuts to quick prosperity and position, its followers almost invariably are found to be men of temperate habits and steady industry, calm judgment and patient enterprise. The journeyman who possesses ambition, determination and genuine ability in his line is afforded the opportunity of working his way to the highest emoluments of his vocation, in which case the rewards place him on a plane with the majority of men in professional and business life. In this capable and resourceful class of Lorain County is found Lawrence Anthony Burgett, of Lorain, who has contributed much to the past of this city, and who, because of his superior equipment, may be counted upon to share in its future development.

Mr. Burgett was born in Lucas County, Ohio, April 2, 1869, and is a son of Peter and Eva (Laux) Burgett. His father, a brick mason by trade, came to Lorain County, Ohio, in 1846, and here divided his time between following his avocation and carrying on agricultural pursuits. He died in 1903, the mother having passed away in 1892. Lawrence A. Burgett is not only a self-educated man, but a self-made one as well. After attending the public schools, he desired a further training, and accordingly enrolled as a student at a night school, where he improved his

L. A. Burgett.

mental training, while his daytimes were being devoted to learning the trade of bricklayer, under the preceptorship of his father. His trade mastered, he began following it, and in this connection came to Lorain, in August, 1892. Finally, after securing several small contracts and carrying them through to a successful issue, he gave up the trade as an operator and became a contractor and builder, a line in which he has steadily risen to a foremost place. While all kinds of structures have been erected by him, he is probably best known in connection with building schools, these having included ordinary schoolhouses of eight rooms, more pretentious structures, and the present stately and handsome edifice of the Lorain High School, a cut of which appears in this work. This fire-proof structure, of brick and stone, is three stories in height and 147x290 feet in dimensions. It was erected in 1915, and in addition to the school rooms, includes a spacious auditorium, well-equipped lavatories, and departments of manual training and domestic science. Its machinery cost $17,000, and its equipment, $30,000, the total cost of the building, machinery and equipment being $275,000. Another handsome structure built by Mr. Burgett is the Elyria Building, a three-story brick building, 230x145 feet, modern in every respect, and costing $150,000. He has erected also three graded schools at Lorain, with two additions, the Lorain Opera House, Saint Mary's Catholic Church, the National Bank of Commerce, the Central Bank, on Penfield Avenue, Lorain, and many public libraries, office buildings, banks and churches, as well as private residences. Mr. Burgett has the kind of enthusiasm for his work that enables him to master it thoroughly, but impels him to seek its broadest and most interesting manifestations. He possesses a keen eye for the practical, as well as the artistic, and there can be no doubt that his labor will stand the approbation of years. As a citizen he has displayed a keen interest in affairs affecting his community, and has served capably as a member of the Lorain City Council for one term and as president of that body for one year.

Mr. Burgett was married to Miss Josephine B. Miller, of New Washington, Ohio, who died leaving three children: Blondena Ursula, who is the wife of Thomas Hume, associated with the L. A. Burgett Company; LeRoy Peter, also with this company; and Virgil Charles, a graduate of the Lorain High School, class of 1915. In August, 1904, Mr. Burgett was again married, being united with Cecelia Mary Messmer, who was born at Lorain, Ohio, daughter of Andrew Messmer, who was a well known railroad man of this city for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Burgett and their children are members of Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

Homer Burt Belden, who is a successful and progressive young farmer of Grafton Township, represents the fifth generation of the Belden family which has been continuously identified with Lorain County for practically a century. Few Lorain County families have had so many successive generations to live within the limits of the county, and there is another matter of interest in connection with the Belden residence that their home has been practically in one location, and one farm home has served as a dwelling place for these sturdy people from life's beginning to end. In the older generations the Beldens came in maturity of manhood and womanhood, but not only Homer Burt but also his father were native sons and were born on the same farm.

Mr. Belden's homestead is located three-quarters of a mile south of Belden Station, which was named in honor of the family, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway. In the house that he now occupies with his family he was born February 20, 1878. His parents were Homer Kings-

ley and Rose (Burt) Belden. Homer K. Belden was born on the Belden farm, November 9, 1838. His parents were Daniel Rowley and Sarah (Kingsley) Belden. Daniel R. Belden, the grandfather, was seven years of age when he came to Lorain County from Pittsfield, Massachusetts. His parents were Capt. Bildad and Polly Belden, who brought their family out to the wilderness of Lorain County in the early years of the last century. Capt. Bildad was also accompanied by his father, Daniel Belden and wife Sarah Belden. Their enterprise as pioneers was first directed to the land now included in the Belden farm occupied by Homer Burt Belden. Here they did their share of productive toil, here they experienced the sorrows and pleasures of existence, many of the family married at the old homestead or brought their wives there, and there many of them passed from the scene of this mortal existence. Each generation added something to the landed estates until fully 700 acres in that section are now under the Belden family ownership.

Homer Kingsley Belden was reared and had a common school education in Grafton Township and he also attended Oberlin College. On September 24, 1861, he married Miss Rose Burt of Grafton Township, who was born in Harpersfield in Geauga County, Ohio, a daughter of Ebenezer and Emily (Mallison) Burt. Her father was a manufacturer of woolen goods and kept his home wherever his services were most in demand. Mrs. Rose Belden acquired a good education and was a teacher for some years in Lorain County before her marriage. Homer K. Belden died March 15, 1902. He was a democrat, always interested in local affairs but was never an office seeker.

Homer Burt Belden is the only child of his parents. Besides a good education in the home schools he attended business college at Oberlin, and has devoted his active years to farming and farm management, and has enjoyed a success in proportion to his inherited ability and industry.

On October 3, 1899, he married Miss Corinne Bernice Lehman, daughter of John C. and Amelia E. (Lyndes) Lehman of Grafton Township. They are the parents of two children: Daniel Lehman was born November 30, 1900, and is now a junior in the Elyria High School. Horace Theodore Belden was born June 18, 1907. Mr. Belden is a democrat and is an earnest and public spirited citizen.

W. Scott Aldrich has enjoyed to the full that satisfaction which goes with successful efforts as an agriculturist and is inherent in the wholesome atmosphere of a prosperous rural community. He has a front place among Grafton Township farmers, and is something of a specialist in the breeding of Percheron horses and in the management of a dairy. His homestead is located three miles southeast of Grafton on rural route No. 3. Altogether he owns two hundred acres, divided into three farms.

It was on one of these farms in Grafton Township that he first saw the light of day July 25, 1859. The Aldrich family belongs to the older stock in Lorain County and has been represented here for fully three-quarters of a century. His parents were James L. and Harriet (Clark) Aldrich. James L. Aldrich was born in New York State and was eighteen years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents Aaron and Cynthia (Bishop) Aldrich. The Aldrich family arrived in Lorain County in 1840 and located on one of the farms now owned by W. Scott Aldrich in Grafton Township. The place was then in the dense woods, and for a number of years the grown men of the family tested their enterprise and industry in clearing up and developing the land.

James L. Aldrich was one of the sturdy farmers of Grafton Township for many years. At one time he bought a farm north of Belden, and his

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aggregate possessions totaled about 320 acres. He died when about eighty-four years of age on October 4, 1904. His wife passed away in May, 1909. Mrs. James L. Aldrich had the distinction of being the first white child born in LaGrange Township. Her father was Nathan Clark.

W. Scott Aldrich in his youth had all the advantages needed to prepare him for his vocation. After attending the common schools he also was in the preparatory department of Oberlin for six months, but at the age of seventeen he was obliged to leave school and return home to take charge of the farm on account of the poor health of his father. At the age of twenty-one he was given a share in the management and profits of the farm and two years later he was ready to provide a home of his own.

At that time he married Miss Alice Reichard, who died four years later. She left one child, now Mrs. Zella Sprague, who lives in LaGrange and is the mother of three children. On November 17, 1889, Mr. Aldrich married Estella Freeman of LaGrange. They are the parents of three children: James Clark, who was born February 10, 1891, is now active manager of one of his father's farms, and married Mary Burton. Dewey S., the second child, was born July 6, 1891, and was named in honor of the victor at Manila Bay; he had one year in the Grafton High School and is now cultivating one of his father's farms. The youngest is Esther Anna, who was born May 5, 1900, and is now in the junior class of the Elyria High School. Mr. Aldrich was born and bred a republican, has always been loyal to the principles of that party but is not a politician. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles J. Crehore is an Elyria citizen who, amid the cares and responsibilities of an active and successful business career, has found and utilized many opportunities for doing good in his community through his relationship with various organizations and institutions. He has spent all his life in Lorain County and is one of the best products of its environment.

Born on a farm in Sheffield Township September 22, 1872, he is a son of George and Keziah (Walker) Crehore. His father, who was born in Surrey, New Hampshire, June 16, 1832, son of George, Sr., who was a native of Connecticut and of an old family of that colony, came as a young man to Lorain County and secured a tract of land on the shores of Lake Erie in Sheffield Township, where he followed agriculture and stock raising until his death in July, 1876. His wife, who died in December, 1883, was born and reared in Sheffield Township, where her father, Wing Walker, was an early settler. They were the parents of seven children: Clara, Hattie and Frederick, all deceased; George, a Sheffield Township farmer; Grace, deceased; Charles J.; and Robbins B.

When Charles J. Crehore was four years of age his father died, and seven years later he was deprived of the care of his mother. He afterwards lived in the home of his guardians, first Edwin P. Burrell, and after four years with Lewis D. Boynton. In the meantime he gained an education in the district schools of his native township and in the Elyria High School, from which he graduated in 1893, and then spent one year in the study of law. His business career began as a buyer and shipper of livestock. In 1895 he organized the firm of Crehore, Fauver & Robinson, and for five years conducted one of the popular clothing stores in Elyria. In a business way Mr. Crehore is best known through his relations with the Elyria Lumber & Coal Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer and general manager. In 1899 he organized the Weller Engineering Company of Elyria, and followed this two years later by organizing and incorporating the Elyria Lumber & Coal Com-

pany, which then assumed the property and business of the engineering company, but the two companies were conducted as individual organizations. The Lumber & Coal Company, of which H. B. Hecock is president, has a large plant for the handling of lumber, coal and cement products, at the corner of Chestnut and Elm streets in Elyria.

Special interest attaches to his activities outside of his private business. He is a charter member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, is one of its directors, and has served on several of its important committees. In politics he is a republican.

In 1913 Mr. Crehore was appointed a member of the Elyria School Board, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Doctor Maynard. In the fall of 1914 he was elected to succeed himself and became president of the board in January, 1916. For a number of years he has actively shared the responsibilities of the Social Settlement Associations, Associated Charities, Elyria Memorial Hospital Association, and both the city and county Young Men's Christian Association. He and his family are members of the First Congregational Church.

In 1894 he married Miss Harriet Hancock, who was born and reared in Avon Township, a daughter of Henry and Betsey Hancock. To their marriage was born three children: Robert Henry, aged nineteen, who graduated from the Elyria High School in 1914, attended Oberlin College one year, and is now a student at the Ohio State University, pursuing a course in agriculture; Lester Charles, who died August 15, 1909; and Marian Louise.

A. F. McQueen, M. D. An Amherst physician whose experience and abilities have brought him to a recognized position of prominence is A. F. McQueen, who enjoys a large private practice in that locality and took up his professional work there a few years ago backed by a liberal education and a long and thorough training in medical school and hospital.

He represents an old family of Northern Ohio. His grandfather Joel H. McQueen came along to Lorain County when a young man and for fifteen years sailed the Great Lakes, rising to the post of captain of a vessel. He finally tired of the water, and then settled on the farm where he died in Brownhelm Township. He married Abbie Betts. Her father Alfred H. Betts was a graduate of Delbert College in Cleveland, and was an early minister of the Congregational Church, erecting the first church of that denomination in Brownhelm Township. That edifice is still standing and is used as a place of worship today.

Doctor McQueen was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County January 7, 1884, a son of Fred B. and Anna (Savage) McQueen. His mother was born in Pennsylvania in 1857 and his father in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County in 1854. They were married in Brownhelm and are still living. His father has been one of the practical farmers of Brownhelm Township for many years, and still owns a hundred acres, largely in fruit, and at one time he had an orchard of twenty acres in peaches. While always active in republican politics, he has seldom sought office, and served only as township trustee and assessor. The family are members of the Congregational Church. Fred B. McQueen and wife are the parents of four children, three of whom are still living: Milo W. is on a farm; Ed was a mechanic and was killed in 1915; Doctor McQueen is the third in age; Abbie is still at home with her parents.

Besides the education he received in the district schools while living as a boy on the home farm Doctor McQueen graduated from Hiram College in 1908. His professional training for three years was pursued in the Cleveland College of Physicians and Surgeons, and in 1911 he grad-

uated M. D. from the Western Reserve Medical College. He afterwards spent a year as an interne in St. Joseph's Hospital at Lorain, and in 1913 located at Amherst and took up general practice as a physician and surgeon. A large share of his practice comes from the local quarries. He is also medical examiner for a number of fraternal organizations. He is a member of the Lodge, Chapter and Council of Masonry, and both he and his wife belong to the Eastern Star, and he is also affiliated with the Eagles, the Knights and Ladies of Security, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and the Tribe of Ben Hur. Politically he is a republican.

In 1913 Doctor McQueen married Wastelle Inks. She was born in Holmes County, Ohio, and at the time of her marriage was a trained nurse in the St. Joseph Hospital at Lorain. Mrs. McQueen is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In line with his profession Doctor McQueen is a member of the County and State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association.

Edward T. Killip. One of the most successful farmers and dairymen of Grafton Township is Edward T. Killip, who has an excellently improved place of ninety acres two miles east of Belden on Rural Route No. 3 out of Grafton. He has been a resident of Lorain County more than forty-five years, and is one of the sturdy and self-reliant men who have brought about their own prosperity and in so doing have added to the civic and material welfare of their communities.

Mr. Killip is a Manxman, that is he was born on the Isle of Man, a British subject, November 15, 1845. His parents were John and Margaret (Corlett) Killip. He was reared on his native isle, received a fair common school education in private schools, and as a youth he worked at day's wages of a shilling a day in English money. His father in early life had learned the shoemaking trade, but subsequently became a dealer in meat, slaughtering livestock on a somewhat extensive scale and selling at wholesale. The first member of the family to come to America was a cousin of his mother. This cousin located in Cleveland when it was a small village. Then Edward Killip's sister crossed the ocean and was followed by another brother, John. Then Edward himself made up his mind to follow, and when he announced that determination his mother declared that if he went the entire family would go. Thus it came about that the Killips in 1869 embarked on a steamship at Liverpool in the month of June and after eleven days on the ocean landed at New York City, going West from there to Cleveland.

Soon after reaching Ohio, Edward T. Killip secured work on a farm at $1.50 a day, and felt that he was getting rich very rapidly at such wages. In the meantime his father looked around and bargained for a farm of 105 acres, agreeing to pay between $40 and $45 per acre, for the land, its improvements, consisting of a few inferior buildings and all the livestock. On this farm the father spent the rest of his years and died in 1901, at the age of ninety. His wife had passed away in 1878. The father was a man of fair education, was a first-class penman, and an industrious upright citizen. He never became an American citizen, but his sons all naturalized and began voting a few years after their arrival in this country. Another of the family who came to America with the parents was Catherine, then a girl of fifteen, and she is now the wife of John W. Coveney and lives in Cleveland. Another son whose home is in Lorain County is Robert Henry Killip.

On March 22, 1893, in Grafton Township, Edward T. Killip married Mrs. Mary (Goodman) Reisinger. She was born in Grafton Township, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Euga) Goodman. Her father was born

in either New York or Pennsylvania of German parentage, while her mother was a native of Germany and came to Ohio when she was five years of age. Mrs. Killip's parents were married in Medina County. By her first marriage to Mr. Reisinger Mrs. Killip had two children: Mrs. Burt Nesbitt, who lives in Grafton Township and is the mother of two children, Ruth E. and Robert H.; and Dwight, who married Miss Cora Widener and has three children, May Belle, Marjorie Fay and Edward Widener. Dwight Reisinger and wife reside on the farm of Edward Killip. When Mr. Killip married his wife's children were aged respectively ten and seven years.

Mr. Killip began voting the republican ticket after taking out his naturalization papers and he has been honored by local offices, serving several terms as township trustee. He and his wife are active in the Congregational Church at Belden, which he has served as trustee and for many years was treasurer, and also served as clerk and treasurer of the Sunday school.

Frank Samuel Rathwell. From his position as a mechanic in one of the industries at Lorain Frank S. Rathwell graduated a number of years ago into an independent business, and now has one of the best equipped and best managed garages and general repair industries in that city.

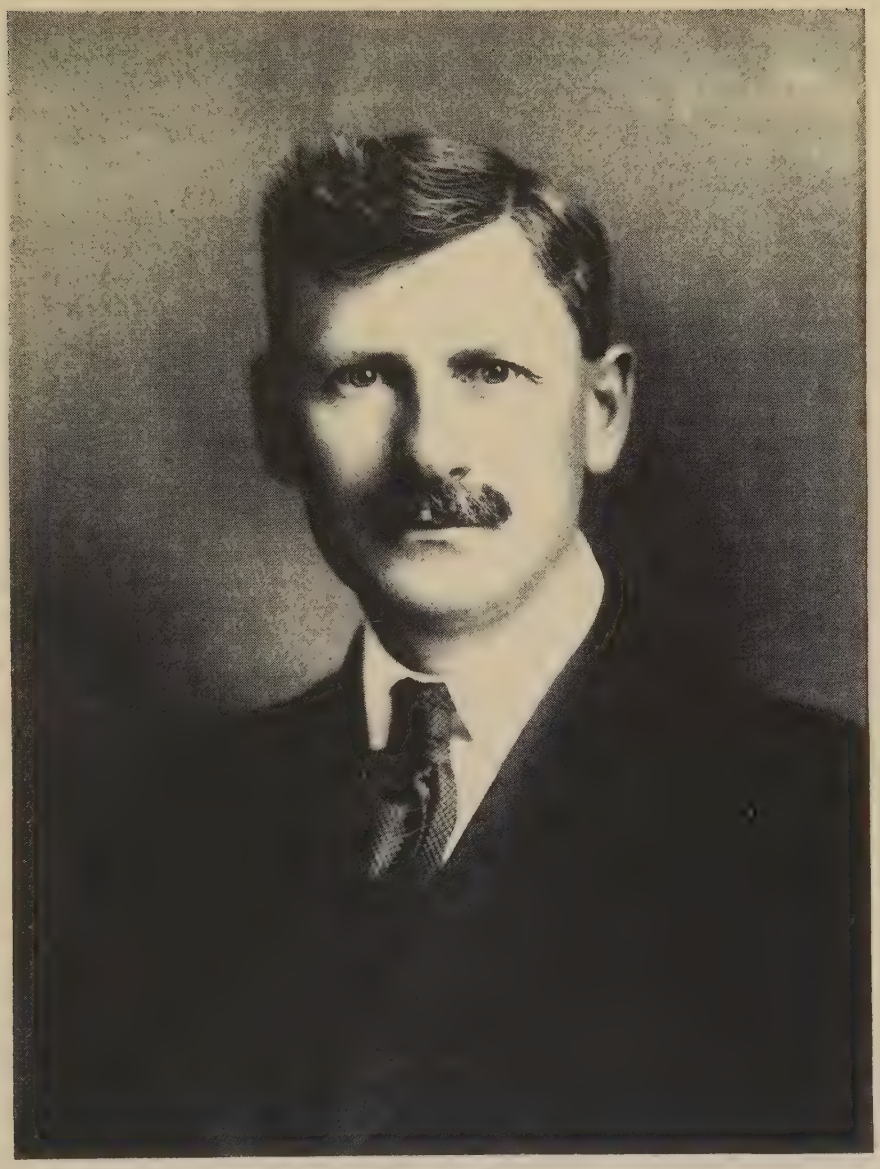
Born on a farm in Camden Township of Lorain County November 23, 1873, Frank Samuel Rathwell is a son of Thomas and Eliza (McRoberts) Rathwell. His father was one of the substantial farmers of Lorain County. As a boy he attended the country schools, but at the age of nineteen, in 1892, took his place as a finisher in the Brass Works at Lorain. From that he went into the bicycle shop for five years, and since 1898 has been in business for himself. In 1904 he established a garage and automobile agency in connection with the bicycle business, and in 1912 completed at 213 Seventh Street a handsome building of concrete and steel, 50x110 feet, now used as a garage and general machine shop. Mr. Rathwell handles the agency for the Reo and Jeffrey cars, and is at the head of a very prosperous enterprise.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. On January 19, 1898, he married Miss Dora Green of Lorain. They have one daughter, Erma Vivian.

F. I. Hubbard. Cashier and director of the Park Bank of Amherst, F. I. Hubbard is a progressive young business man of Lorain County who has devoted his entire active career to bank work, and has reached his present position because of constant fidelity to his duties, a sense of responsibility in the performance of his tasks, and an undoubted talent for this line of commercial enterprise.

He represents a family that has been identified with Lorain County since pioneer times. His grandfather, William F. Hubbard, a native of New York State, was a young man when he came to LaGrange Township, his brother having preceded him and having been one of the first settlers there. William F. Hubbard had an unusual record as a soldier. He served all through the Mexican war, and nearly twenty years later enlisted his service in the cause of the Union, going out as captain of a company in an Ohio regiment. He was taken ill while in the army, and never recovered his health, dying in 1865.

F. I. Hubbard was born in LaGrange Township on a farm December 22, 1882, a son of Irwin and Ellen (Mason) Hubbard, both of whom were also natives of LaGrange Township. His father was born in November, 1845, spent his active career as a farmer, but since 1899 has



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lived in Elyria, where he owns a substantial residence property. The mother was born June 27, 1849. They were married in LaGrange Township January 1, 1867. To their union, which has now endured almost half a century, were born thirteen children, five of whom died in infancy, one passed away at the age of twenty-four, and the seven now living are: Edward, who resides at Elyria and is assistant foreman in the furnace at Lorain; Edna, wife of Bert Carter of Elyria; W. F. Hubbard, boiler inspector for the Indemnity Insurance Company, living at Elyria; F. I. Hubbard; Hattie, a teacher in the public schools at Elyria; Lovantia, who is also a teacher in the public schools at Elyria; and C. L., who is in an architect's office in Cleveland. Irwin Hubbard, the father of these children, is a democrat in politics.

In 1900 F. I. Hubbard graduated from the high school at LaGrange. Much of his early youth was spent on the farm, and though he gained a practical knowledge of its duties his ambition was for commercial work, and after leaving high school he entered the Elyria Business College where he completed the course in 1902. About that time he was taken into the Elyria Savings and Banking Company as bookkeeper. His promotion has been steady, and he afterwards served as assistant cashier. From Elyria he moved to Amherst and organized the Amherst Park Bank, with a capital of $25,000. This is one of the flourishing financial institutions of the county.

In September, 1907, Mr. Hubbard married Jessie Paterson of Amherst. Their two children are Robert Irwin, now five years of age, and Grace L., aged two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are members of the First Baptist Church of Elyria, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, and is a democrat in politics.

L. D. Gibson. From farming, a vocation to which he had applied the best energies of his younger years, L. D. Gibson turned his attention to merchandising at South Amherst, and is now one of the progressive business men and energetic citizens of that community.

While he was born in Russia Township of Lorain County, April 1, 1856, his family for many years had lived in New York State, where both his father and mother and his grandfather were born. His parents were Silas and Diantha (Heath) Gibson. His father was born in 1804 and died in 1894 and his mother was born in 1816 and died in 1864. They were married in New York State where three of their thirteen children were born. The four still living are: Lindley, a retired resident of Brownhelm Township; Ophelia, who first married John Bender and later E. J. Frederick, and now lives on a farm in Russia Township; Barzilla, a resident of Camden Township; and L. D. Gibson. Silas Gibson on coming to Lorain County bought 200 acres of land in Russia Township, subsequently selling half of it, and occupying and cultivating the remainder until his death. He did much clearing and development work, built a frame house, which replaced the old log building which had been the first habitation of the family in Lorain County. He was a very successful man, and in politics was a democrat, while his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Reared on a farm, educated in district schools, L. D. Gibson after some years of steadily continued effort, bought the old homestead and managed it for eight years. After selling he bought in March, 1906, the store at South Amherst, and has since developed a large business around that trading center.

In 1884 he married Elizabeth Ludwig. Her father, John Ludwig, a native of Germany, settled at Amherst in 1890, and was a quarryman. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have five children, four of whom are still living:

Bertha married Jacob Muth, a quarryman at Amherst, and they have one child, Zelma, nine years old; Ferdinand is now deceased; Carl, who is connected with a manufacturing plant at Elyria, married Emma Harr, and has two children named Verna Margaret and Carl Elsworth, Jr.; Elmer is in the regular United States army, with the Fourth Cavalry, now located at Honolulu; Myrtle is the wife of Henry J. Kolb, a partner with Mr. Gibson in the store. Mrs. Gibson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the American Union and politically is a democrat.

THOMAS W. MORGAN. A resident of the City of Lorain since 1895, Mr. Morgan has entered fully and worthily into the community life and has been identified with industrial activities, public affairs of a local order and official service in positions of distinctive trust. He is now engaged in the general insurance business, is the incumbent of the office of justice of the peace and is serving also as deputy sealer of weights and measures for Lorain County.

Thomas William Morgan was born in the City of Braddock, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of December, 1884, and is a son of Isaac and Mary Jane (Gould) Morgan, his father having been a locomotive engineer by vocation and having died when the subject of this review was but ten months old. In his native state Mr. Morgan was reared in the home of his maternal grandmother, Mrs. John Gould, soon after the death of his father. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools and as a youth instituted his active services as one of the world's productive workers. Mr. Morgan was a lad of about eleven years when he came to Lorain, Ohio, in October, 1895, and here as a youth he found employment at office work. Later he was for a time in the employ of the National Tube Company, and finally he became an employe in one of the steel mills of Lorain, where he won advancement to the position of heater.

In November, 1911, Mr. Morgan was elected to the office of constable, his name having been given place on the republican ticket. In 1913 he was elected a member of the city council, but after serving several weeks he decided that his duties as constable placed such demands upon him that he was not justified in retaining the municipal office, with the result that he resigned his position as councilman. For a time Mr. Morgan also held membership on the municipal board having supervision of the poor, and on the 25th day of May, 1914, he received, at the hands of Governor James M. Cox, his commission as justice of the peace, an office in which he is giving a most effective and acceptable administration. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, is past grand of a local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and holds membership also in the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are zealous members of the Congregational Church, in which he held the office of superintendent of the Sunday school.

On the 12th of September, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Morgan to Miss Florence Williams, of Lorain, and of their three children the second, Mildred Margaret, died in infancy. The two surviving children are: Raymond Edward, who was born June 14, 1907, and Elva Margaret, who was born January 4, 1910.

FRED B. MCQUEEN. For many years Fred B. McQueen has been a factor in agricultural activities in Brownhelm township. The fine farm which he still occupies and which he devotes to general farming and fruit growing, is the place where he was born and reared.

J. H. Morgan

He was born there May 30, 1852, a son of Joel H. and Abbie (Betts) McQueen. His father was born in March, 1812, and died in 1891. His mother was born in Brownhelm Township in September, 1818, and died in 1886. Her father Alfred Betts was one of the first settlers in Brownhelm Township, and was the first physician and the first minister in the town. Joel McQueen spent many years of his life as a sailor on the Great Lakes, also was captain of a vessel, but finally retired from the water and bought 112 acres of land and was engaged in its cultivation until his death. He was a republican in politics and held all the township offices and was a man highly esteemed in all his relations with the community. He and his wife were active members of the Congregational Church. They were married in Brownhelm Township in 1844, and to their union were born ten children, nine sons and one daughter. Those still living are: Fred B.; L. H., in the livery business at Vermillion, Ohio; Eber, connected with an employment agency at Minneapolis; A. H., in the lumber business at Cleveland; George, on a farm in Brownhelm Township; J. H., a farmer in Preble County; D. W., a physician in Preble County.

After his rearing on the home farm and education in the district schools, Fred B. McQueen spent a number of years as chief engineer in the local quarries. After his father's death he bought the old homestead from the heirs, and has since made it the object of his intelligent management and productive enterprise as one of Lorain County's agriculturists.

In 1875 Mr. McQueen married Anna Savage, a daughter of William Savage, who was a native of England and a farmer by occupation. Three of Mr. and Mrs. McQueen's four children are still living: Milo W., now thirty-nine years of age, owns a small farm and also assists his father in the management of the homestead, and is now filling his second term as trustee of Brownhelm Township, having first been elected three years ago. Arthur F. is a successful physician at Amherst. Abbie is the wife of Sam Hollingsworth and they live on her father's farm. The family attend the Congregational Church and Mr. McQueen is a republican.

Besides his work as a farmer he was called upon to fill the office of assessor for six or eight years.

Dr. E. B. Rogers for many years has had the chief practice as a dentist at Amherst. He is a man well qualified for his profession, and while his time is thoroughly taken up by his professional duties he does not neglect his civic interests, and has been a factor in local affairs.

He was born in Pennsylvania May 21, 1861, one of the eight children of John W. and Susan (Ide) Rogers. His grandfather, Jonah Rogers, was born and reared in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and spent his life there as a farmer. His maternal grandfather, Ezra Ide, was also a Pennsylvania farmer. Both of Doctor Rogers' parents were born in Lucerne County, Pennsylvania. His father was born August 13, 1825, and died May 30, 1896, and his mother was born December 31, 1825, and died November 10, 1878. Their five living children are: Louisa, wife of Levi Whitesell, a farmer in Lucerne County, Pennsylvania; Winfield Scott Rogers, who spent the first seventeen years of his life on a farm, taught school ten or twelve years, for twelve years was connected with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, then after a course in shorthand under Andrew Graham, taught school in New York, was connected with a business college in Cleveland for six or seven years, conducted a business college at Sandusky with a partner until 1902, then had a business college in Fall River, Massachusetts, until the fall of 1915, and now lives and has an orchard in Cuba; Melville E. is a street car conductor at Providence, Rhode Island; Doctor Rogers is the youngest of

the living children. His brother, Franklin Jackson, died in November, 1913. John W. Rogers, father of Doctor Rogers, spent his career as a farmer. He was well educated and well read, was a republican in politics and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During the Civil war he served three years in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, and was in active service though poor health kept him from duty a considerable part of the time.

Doctor Rogers had to make his own way from an early age. His father lost most of his property through security debts, and that acted as a spur to his early efforts and ambition on his own account. He was reared on a farm, had a common school education, and in his early life worked as a farmer and for ten years as a carpenter. It was through his earnings in these vocations that he accumulated the means necessary to educate himself for a profession, and in 1898 graduated from the Western Reserve Dental College. In 1900 he located at Amherst, and almost from the first had a paying practice.

Doctor Rogers married for his first wife Maria Whitsell. The one daughter of that union, Verna, is the wife of George Frederick, now in a hardware store at Amherst. Doctor Rogers married for his second wife Dosia Wendell, who was born in Lucerne County, Pennsylvania. They have a daughter, Ruth, who is the wife of William Schaffer, a young dentist who has recently located at Amherst. Mrs. Schaffer was educated in the high school at Amherst and took a normal course at Athens, Ohio, and was a teacher for two years before her marriage. Mrs. Doctor Rogers died March 18, 1916. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and Doctor Rogers has been a deacon in that church for the past twelve years. He has passed the chairs in the Masonic Lodge at Amherst, and is also affiliated with the Royal Arch Masons, the Royal and Select Masters and is popular in all those bodies. For two terms he has held the office of treasurer of Amherst. Politically he is a republican.

Archie Clark Payton. The importance in business of concentrating one's forces upon a given line of activity, of correctly gauging its value among the needs of the world, and keeping pace with the ever-changing conditions surrounding it, is confirmed anew in the success of Archie Clark Payton, general superintendent for the American Shipbuilding Company, of Lorain. Mr. Payton has been studying the shipbuilding question ever since the beginning of his wage-earning career, more than thirty years ago, and his acquisition of his present position has not come about through any fortunate circumstance, but by reason of his close application and constant devotion to the calling which he chose as his life work when his career began.

Mr. Payton is a native of Scotland, born at Dumbarton, County Dumbarton, April 9, 1866, a son of John and Ellison (White) Payton. His parents never came to the United States, passing their entire lives at Dumbarton, where the father was a thrifty Scotch baker. In his native land Archie Clark Payton received a common school education, and when still a youth was apprenticed to the trade of shipbuilder. He devoted himself assiduously to learning its various branches and became a skilled and finished workman, but saw no future for himself in his native land and accordingly decided to try his fortunes in America. Accordingly, at the age of twenty-two years, he gathered together his small savings and emigrated to this country, and in 1888 took up his residence at Wyandotte, Michigan, on the St. Clair River, across from Ontario. There for eighteen months he was employed as a shipfitter, but at the end of that time accepted an opportunity to better his condition, going

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to Cleveland, Ohio, where he became a shipfitter for the Cleveland Shipbuilding Company. With that company he remained for more than eight years, securing promotion through faithful and capable performance of duty, and in 1898 resigned to come to Lorain as assistant superintendent for the American Shipbuilding Company. In 1913 he was advanced to general superintendent of the shipyards here, and has continued to fill this position to the present time, to the entire satisfaction of his employers. Mr. Payton may truly be said to be a self-made man, having climbed from the bottom rung of the ladder without other aids than ambition, determination, inherent ability and constant industry. As an employer of labor he is considerate and appreciative, and has the faculty of securing from his men the best work of which they are capable. In fraternal circles he is prominent in Masonry, having advanced to the degrees of Knight Templar and Shriner, and also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As a citizen he is public spirited and progressive, and always has advocated those worthy undertakings which have been calculated to advance the community in which he lives and the interests of its people.

In 1893 Mr. Payton was married to Miss Agnes O'Malley, of Cleveland, Ohio, a native of England.

GEORGE M. SUTLIFF. Though the span of his life was only forty-five years, George M. Sutliff left a record of accomplishment in material things and of honorable upright living which should always be associated with his memory. In fact he was one of Lorain County's most progressive men.

A native of Lorain County, the only son and child of Miles W. and Susan (Gott) Sutliff, he was born in this county December 30, 1864, and died September 9, 1909. His parents settled many years ago in Penfield Township and his father besides operating a small farm bought and sold live stock.

With an education acquired in the district schools George M. Sutliff began his individual career at the age of fourteen, and thenceforward relied upon his own industry and enterprise to earn a place in the world. At that age he began buying and selling stock, of course on a small scale and with a very meager capital. He possessed the natural talents of the trader and business man and was successful from the start. From that time forward until his death, a period of about thirty years, he did more than most men accomplish in twice that time. At the time of his death his estate comprised 400 acres of fine land in Penfield, Huntington and Wellington townships and it had all been earned by his hard work and business judgment. For a number of years he was the principal breeder of thoroughbred Holstein cattle in Lorain County, and by the introduction of that stock he did much to elevate the standard of local cattle raising. He was thoroughly and essentially a business man, and while a supporter of every movement which concerned the welfare of the community, he had not sufficient interest in politics ever to become a candidate for office.

On April 5, 1899, Mr. Sutliff married Miss Blanche Dorchester. Mrs. Sutliff, who survives him, and occupies a fine home in Wellington, actively co-operated with him and shared in his success while Mr. Sutliff was alive, and has since devoted herself not only to her family and the training of her two beautiful young daughters, but also to the interests of the community. She is kindly and charitable, helpful to the poor and unfortunate, and is one of the social leaders in her town. She was born in Wellington Township in 1874, graduated from the Wellington High School in 1892, and has both the culture and training of the true gentle-

woman. For eight years before her marriage she was a successful teacher. While not a member she is a regular attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her parents were Augustus B. and Mary (Eno) Dorchester. Her father was born in New York State in 1837 and died in 1897, while her mother was born in Sheffield, Lorain County, December 4, 1841, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sutliff, February 9, 1914. Mrs. Sutliff's mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and her father was a stanch republican. Augustus Dorchester came to Lorain County in 1850 when a poor man and for several years worked out by the day, but eventually accumulated sufficient to provide for all the reasonable wants of his family. Mr. Sutliff was one of three children. Her sister, Edith, died at the age of nine years and her sister, Agnes, is the wife of Joseph Beal and they live on Mrs. Sutliff's farm.

Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sutliff the two now living are: Marion, born July 3, 1901; and Maxine, born May 28, 1907. Both are attending the public schools.

John E. Davidson. For more than twenty years John E. Davidson has been the principal livestock dealer and commission man at Kipton. By trade he is a butcher and followed that line for a number of years, but now devotes his time exclusively to buying and marketing large quantities of livestock and poultry. His standing as a business man is unquestioned, and by the force of his integrity and his extensive dealings he has become well known in Lorain County.

He is a son of Andrew and Martha (Edgar) Davidson, his father being one of the oldest citizens of Lorain County, now living at the advanced age of ninety-three on his Camden Township farm.

John E. Davidson after getting his education in the public schools started life as a farmer, to which he had already been trained by early discipline, and worked on the home place until he was twenty years of age. For six years he was employed in the heavy labor involved in a stone quarry at Nickel Plate, Ohio. It was in 1893 that he identified himself with the Kipton community and in the following year engaged in the livestock and butcher business. His business has had a progressive growth and he now has extensive facilities in the way of warehouse and other equipment at Kipton for the handling and shipping of livestock, wool and poultry. His poultry shipments are now a large feature of his business and during the last Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons he shipped from the Kipton station poultry to the value of about $8,000.

In 1894 he married Jennie E. Prentice. Her father, Harvey M. Prentice, was born in New York State, came to Camden Township when a boy and was a resident in that community until about three years ago when he went out to California where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have two children: Chalmer P., who is attending the business college at Oberlin, and Laura Leila, who is in the second year of Oberlin College. All the family are members of the Disciples Church. Mr. Davidson is a democrat, and has served as a member of the board of complaints. At the present time (1916) he is a candidate for county commissioner on the democratic ticket. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order. Besides his large business at Kipton he also owns a good farm of 100 acres south of that village.

L. E. Howk, D. D. S. In 1915 Doctor Howk finished his ten years of successful practice as a dentist at Wellington. Without doubt he has made a success in that profession such as few men attain. He is a hard

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worker, is skillful, makes use of all the approved devices and appliances of the art and science, and for several years past has found all his time and energies occupied in serving his clientage.

He is a native of Wellington where he was born October 25, 1882, and represents one of the very old and honored families of Lorain County. His grandfather Eli Howk was born in Auburn, New York, and moved to Lorain County as early as 1835, settling on a farm in Wellington Township. He spent his last years in the village of Wellington. He was well known, and was always called Squire Howk. Alpheus Howk, father of Doctor Howk, was born in Wellington Township September 12, 1841, and died May 1, 1912. He was a farmer by occupation, and afterwards moved from his farm to the village of Wellington in order to give his children the advantages of better schools. He also was in the real estate business. During the war he served as a member of the Second Ohio Cavalry in the Army of the Potomac, and was wounded in the battle before Petersburg, Virginia. He saw three years of service. He was a loyal member of the Grand Army of the Republic, was affiliated with the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Maccabees and was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics a republican, he exercised a considerable influence in local matters, though he was not an aspirant for office. He was exceedingly temperate and a man of excellent judgment and high standing in his community. He was married in Huntington Township of Lorain County to Sarah Boone, who was born in Huntington Township December 22, 1846, and is still living. Her father was William Boone, who came to Lorain County at an early day and spent his last years in the county. He was related to the family of Daniel Boone. Alpheus Howk and wife had six children: May, wife of Harry Blackburn, who is a graduate in law from the Western Reserve University, but is now living at Lakewood and is connected with the Winton Automobile Company; George, who is a farmer and manages the old homestead, making his home with his mother; Bertha, wife of E. C. Cushing, a banker of Wellington; Nellie, now deceased; Frank, a farmer in Huntington Township; and Dr. L. E.

Doctor Howk graduated from the Wellington High School in 1901. In 1902 he entered the dental department of Western Reserve University, where he was graduated D. D. S. in 1905. After one year of practice in Cleveland, he returned to his native village of Wellington, and almost from the first he had a profitable practice. At the present time he is so busy looking after the wants of his large clientage that he never goes home for lunch at midday. He has been grand master of the Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity.

In 1910 Doctor Howk married Lillian A. Murray. She was born at Spencer, Ohio, and died in 1911. In 1913 Doctor Howk married Jessie N. West, a daughter of Charles West, a retired farmer of Lorain County. Doctor Howk is a republican in politics. Some years ago he built a beautiful home near Wellington, and has all the comforts and conveniences of both town and country, having a beautiful suburban estate, and keeps his own cows, chickens and his table is supplied from his own garden.

Aaron Lynn Bacon. The untimely passing of Aaron Lynn Bacon on September 3, 1912, as the result of an accident, cut short a career of promising usefulness, and one which had already brought him to a station of honor and prosperity in Lorain County. He represented one of the older families of Lorain County, and his death was a grievous

blow not only to his immediate family but to many friends scattered far and near.

He was born in Wellington Township October 4, 1881, and was not quite thirty-one years of age when he died. His parents were George D. and Ida (Peck) Bacon, both of whom were natives of Wellington Township. George D. Bacon, after the death of his wife moved to Michigan and is now living at Adrian in that state. Aaron L. Bacon grew up in the home of his grandparents after his mother's death. They were Sereno Dwight and Mary (Bailey) Bacon. His grandfather was born in Grafton, Vermont, in 1825, and came to Carlisle Township in Lorain County in 1842. In May, 1851, he bought a farm in Wellington Township, but he and his wife moved to the village of Wellington in 1881.

The late A. L. Bacon acquired an education in the common schools and also pursued a business course at Oberlin. In 1903 he married for his first wife Amanda Friend, who died in 1907. The one child of that union, Helen, now lives with Mrs. Bacon and is a student in school. In 1910 Mr. Bacon married Miss Lida Miller, a daughter of Nathan B. and Elizabeth (Dute) Miller, a well known family of Wellington Township, reference to whom is made on other pages. Mrs. Bacon has one daughter, Elizabeth, now four years of age. She is an active member of the Baptist Church, and since the death of her husband has made her home in Wellington. Mr. Bacon was a republican in politics and was a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bacon moved to his farm of 200 acres in Wellington Township, and for a number of years he had been a successful raiser of Holstein cattle. He had just completed a fine modern country home by remodeling the old two-story brick house that had stood on his farm since 1861, and it may be said that he and Mrs. Bacon were just equipped to live happily and prosperously when the accident occurred by which he lost his life. Mr. Bacon's grandfather died in 1901 and his grandmother in 1909.

John L. Corts. In the year 1900 Mr. Corts came to the City of Lorain and effected the purchase of an established laundry plant and business of modest order, and from this inception he has developed a thoroughly modern and metropolitan establishment, conducted under the corporate title of the Corts Laundry & Dry Cleaning Company. Mr. Corts is president of the company, and his sons are his coadjutors in the large and prosperous business, as will be more specifically noted in a later paragraph. It has been given to Mr. Corts to gain secure vantage-ground as one of the representative business men and loyal, popular and public spirited citizens of Lorain County, and he is well entitled to special consideration in this history of one of the favored counties of his native state.

Mr. Corts was born on the paternal homestead farm in Ashland County, Ohio, and the date of his nativity was September, 1851. He is a son of Lewis and Lydia A. (Long) Corts, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania and both of whom were honored citizens of Ashland County, Ohio, for many years before their death, the father having there been a substantial agriculturist and a man of influence in community affairs. He whose name introduces this article was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and in the meanwhile duly profited by the advantages afforded in the public schools of his native county. There he was thereafter engaged in independent operations as a farmer for a few years, and he then learned the trade of marble cutter. For a full quarter of a century he was engaged in the marble and granite business

J. L. Corts

in the City of Ashland, where he developed a large and profitable business in the manufacturing and handling of monuments and minor stones for memorial use in cemeteries. He continued his residence at Ashland until 1900, when he came to Lorain, as previously noted, and purchased a small laundry. He made minor improvements in the establishment as soon as he assumed control, and in 1905 he erected his present modern building, which is 40 by 130 feet in dimensions, two stories in height and of brick construction. The plant is amplified by the dry-cleaning establishment, in an annex 40 by 20 feet in dimensions and likewise two stories in height, and by adequate buildings for the stabling of horses, wagons and automobiles used in connection with the business, as well as a separate building for the direct washing department. The equipment throughout is of the best modern type, and with such facilities all work turned out is such as to constitute the most effective of all advertising for the establishment. The business is incorporated as the Corts Laundry & Dry Cleaning Company with Mr. Corts as president, his son Tullus P. as vice president and with his elder son, Charles W., as secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Corts is liberal and progressive in his attitude as a citizen, is a staunch republican in politics, is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of the Maccabees, and both he and his wife are most zealous members of the United Brethren Church, in which he is serving as a trustee of the church at Lorain and also as superintendent of its Sunday school.

In the year 1874 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Corts to Miss Sadie McIlvain, of Ashland, Ohio, and they have two children, Charles Wesley and Tullus Pedro.

Charles Wesley Corts was born at Ashland, this state, on the 5th of October, 1875, and there received his early education in the public schools. He was employed as a bookkeeper in Cleveland until he became associated with his father in the laundry business at Lorain, and he is now secretary and treasurer of the Lorain industry before mentioned. He is a Knights Templars Mason, besides being affiliated with the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and he holds membership also in the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married Miss Elizabeth Schopf, of Ashland, and no children have been born of this union.

Tullus Pedro Corts was born at Ashland, Ohio, in 1877, and after completing the curriculum of the public schools he was for two years in the employ of the Myers Manufacturing Company. In that city he then learned the laundry business, and thus he was the "practical man" of the concern when he joined his father and brother in the laundry business at Lorain, where he is vice president of the company. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knights Templar degree, and he is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. He married Miss Alberta Mansfield, of Ashland, and they have two children—Margaret Rebecca and John Mansfield.

R. C. Adams. For a man to have lived usefully and honorably for more than three quarters of a century is itself a distinction deserving of more than passing attention in a community.

Now one of the oldest native sons of Lorain County, R. C. Adams was born in Wellington Township February 1, 1838, more than seventy-seven years ago. For considerably more than half a century he and his devoted wife and companion have walked along life's highway together.

On September 29, 1859, R. C. Adams married Melva A. Whitney, whose father, Seaver Whitney, was an early settler of Pittsfield town-

ship. In September, 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Adams celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and at that time almost the entire village of Wellington turned out to celebrate and congratulate the venerable couple on the event. It is equally noteworthy that every one of their four children born to their union is still living. Evidently it was of such people that the Scriptural writer spoke when he said: "With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance and their children are within the covenant. Their seed shall remain forever and their glory shall not be blotted out."

The parents of R. C. Adams were Calvin and Eunice (Smith) Adams, both natives of Connecticut. They came to Ohio in an early day and located in Wellington Township, where they spent their lives. Calvin Adams was twice married. R. C. Adams is now the only one living of the five children born to his mother. His parents were both active members of the Congregational Church and his father was first a whig and afterwards a republican. When the Adams family located in Wellington Township there were only two other families residing there.

R. C. Adams acquired his early education in the common schools, found plenty to do on the home place, and afterwards turned to farming as a regular vocation. He acquired and developed a good place of 157 acres, but in 1880 he left the farm and moved to Wellington, where after a year of work on the public highways and one year spent as a carpenter he engaged in the implement and feed business, and he now gives all his time to the latter work. He is a republican and Mrs. Adams is a member of the Methodist Church.

A brief record of their four children is as follows: Rosa M. is the widow of Mr. Delmar Beckley. Edith is the wife of Edson L. Wilcox, a farmer in Huntington Township. Grace married Charles Rodell of Wellington and has three children, Marian, Charles and Delmar. Leon R., a banker at Willoughby, Ohio, married Cora Oble.

Walter Albert Davies. The record of Walter Albert Davies is that of a man who has by his own unaided efforts worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods which he has followed have won him the support and confidence of his business associates. Occupying a leading position in financial circles as cashier of the City Bank Company of Lorain, he is also prominent in civic affairs, and his wide circle of friends testifies to his general popularity.

Mr. Davies was born in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, May 20, 1870, and is a son of George S. and Jane (Hillyer) Davies. His father was chief clerk to the auditor of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad for a number of years. Mr. Davies was five years of age when brought to Elyria, Ohio, and here his education was acquired in the public schools. When he put aside his studies he entered the auditing department of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway as a clerk, and continued to be connected with that line from 1887 until 1899, in the latter year joining the office force of the National Tube Works, where he also held a position in the auditing department. In 1901 Mr. Davies became identified with the City Bank Company, in the capacity of teller, a position which he retained until 1910, being then elected to his present position of cashier, an office earned by patient industry, faithful discharge of duty and fidelity at all times to the bank's interests. The City Bank Company was organized in 1899 with a capital stock of $100,000, and the following officers: W. A. Donaldson, president; Max M. Suppes, vice president; Spencer K. Ortt, cashier. The officers in 1915 were as follows: Charles Fell, president; R. L. Rankin, vice president;

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Walter A. Davies, cashier. The institution has a capital stock of $100,000, with a surplus of $40,000 and undivided profits of $10,000, while its annual deposits average $900,000. The concern owns its own banking house, a three-story brick structure, 50 by 75 feet, of which the bank occupies 50 by 40 feet of floor space on the first floor, the remainder of the building being devoted to offices. This is a conservative institution, conducted by local capital, financed by men whose interests are wrapped up in its welfare, and directed by minds well trained in the field of finance. It offers 4 per cent interest on savings and caters to these kind of deposits, being considered one of the safest repositories in the northern part of the state. As cashier of this banking house, Mr. Davies has done much to increase its credit, his own well known integrity having contributed toward establishing public confidence.

On April 5, 1893, Mr. Davies was married to Miss Fannie Gaudern of Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio, a daughter of E. E. Gaudern, a well known merchant for a number of years at Elyria. Mr. Davies is popular in social circles, and a valued member of the Elyria Country Club. As a citizen he has been a generous and stanch supporter of beneficial movements in the community. He is a republican in politics.

HENRY R. DAUGHERTY. During many years of residence at Wellington Henry R. Daugherty has reached that enviable position where his word is accepted in business matters the same as a bond, and all his friends and acquaintances repose the utmost confidence in his judgment and integrity. While much of his early career was identified with farming and he still owns a farm in Medina County, he has been chiefly interested in mercantile affairs, and now conducts the leading hardware establishment in the Village of Wellington.

He was born in Spencer, Ohio, January 5, 1864, a son of James and Sarah (Bernard) Daugherty. His grandfather, Charles Daugherty, came from New York State to Medina County, Ohio, and in 1833 bought a farm of four or five hundred acres, on which he settled his family in 1835. A part of this original homestead is still in the family. The Daughertys came originally from Ireland. Mr. Daugherty's maternal grandfather, Joshua Bernard, was born in Pennsylvania and was also one of the early settlers in Medina County. James Daugherty, father of the Wellington merchant, was born in New York State in 1831 and was four years of age when he came to Medina County. He grew up on a farm and for a year was in Company C of the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. He afterwards was well known in Grand Army circles, and in politics was a republican. Though starting out comparatively poor, he made a substantial success. He and his family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. James Daugherty was married at Chatham, Ohio, in 1856 to Miss Sarah Bernard, who was born in Medina County in 1835 and is still living, while her husband passed away in 1897. Of their children Henry R. is the only one now living. The son, Harry B., who was born in Spencer, Ohio, January 27, 1868, and was educated both at Spencer and Wellington, was one of the first men to engage in the telephone business at Wellington. He was in telephone construction work for several years. Afterwards he bought a local hardware store, and subsequently in 1905 his brother, Henry R., joined him as partner. Harry B. Daugherty died February 12, 1914, and his death was greatly lamented over all this section of Lorain County. He married Marian Franks.

Henry R. Daugherty received his early education in the Wellington schools. When quite young he began farming and teaching, alternating those vocations according to the seasons of the year. Altogether he

taught six or seven terms and is remembered by his old pupils as a very able schoolmaster. His first mercantile experience was as clerk in a dry-goods store. For his services the first year he was paid $4 a week, his wages being increased to $6 a week the second year and afterwards to $8. He was in business at Wellington for eight years and for twelve years was located at Cleveland. In 1905 he returned to Wellington and took a share in the hardware business with his brother, Harry, and the firm of Daugherty Brothers Hardware Company was a live and prosperous concern, and Mr. Daugherty has continued it more successfully than ever during the last year of his individual proprietorship. He carried a complete line of general hardware, and he also takes some time to supervise the management of his farm in Medina County.

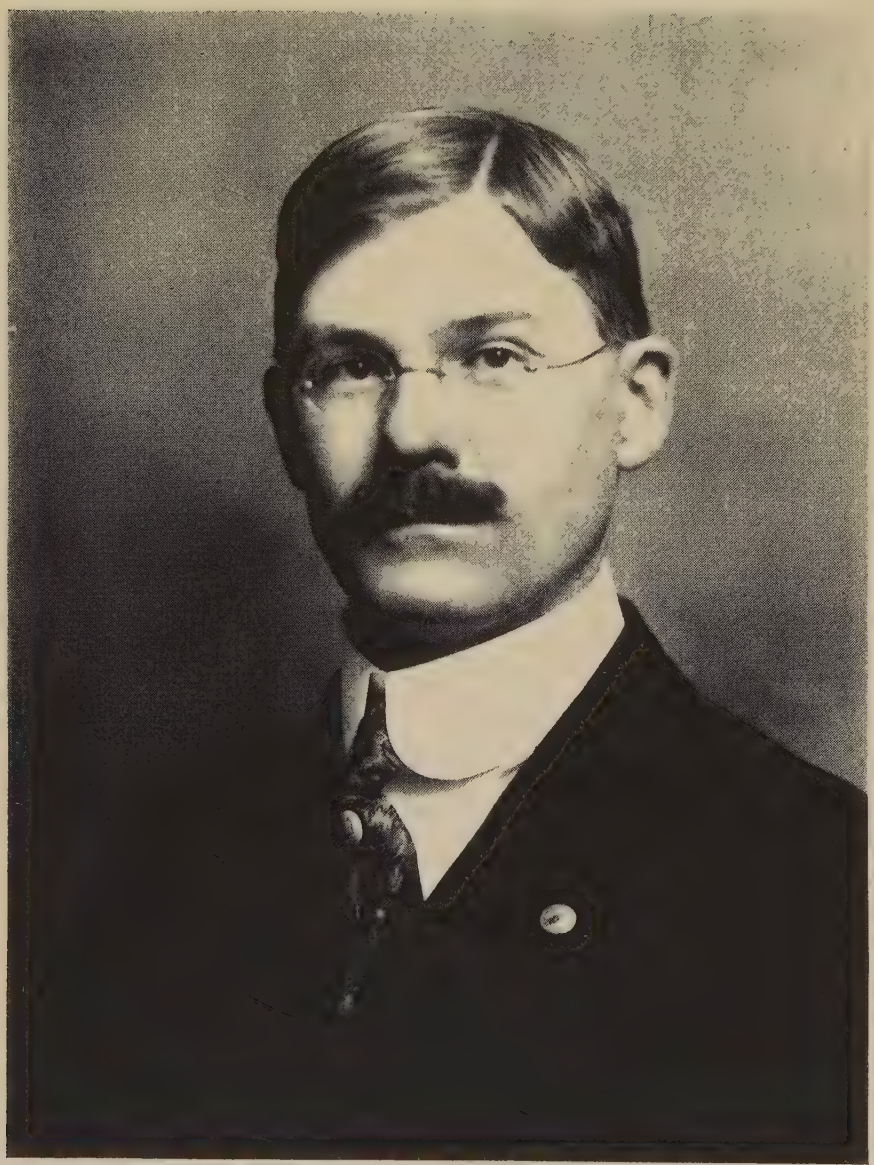
In 1891 Mr. Daugherty married Elizabeth Hollenbach, who was born at Wellington, a daughter of Reuben Hollenbach, a tailor who first settled at Elyria and afterwards at Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty have one son, Robert, who graduated from the Wellington High School in 1914, spent a year in the store with his father and is now in the freshmen class of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Mr. Daugherty and family are members of the Congregational Church and fraternally he is affiliated with the lodge and Royal Arch Chapter of the Masons. Politically his affiliations are with the republican party.

E. E. Watters. The important and high-class commercial establishment of E. E. Watters at Wellington is one that testifies to the truth of the saying that in concentration of effort lies success. Such concentration, combined with special ability for that work, with frugal conservation of funds at the beginning and judicious handling of them as they increase, Mr. E. E. Watters has employed with notable results.

He was born in Medina County, Ohio, June 10, 1876, a son of William A. and Clara J. (Reese) Watters. His grandfather, William Watters, was a native of England, and was an early settler on a farm in Medina County. The maternal grandfather, Jacob M. Reese, was born in Vermont and also went to Medina County in the early days. William A. Watters was born in Medina County in 1842 and died in 1897, his wife was born in the same locality in 1854 and died in 1914. They were married in Medina County in 1875. William A. Watters was a successful farmer and stock buyer, and both he and his wife spent their lives on the old farm. He was a republican in politics, was honored with several township offices, and he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. Of their three children E. E. Watters is the oldest. The two younger were twins, Dorian C., who now runs a retail store at Riverside, California, and Dorothy, wife of Fred Todd, a machinist at Elyria.

E. E. Watters grew up on his father's farm in Medina County. He graduated from the high school at Medina in 1894, and soon afterwards gained his first experience as clerk in a dry goods store. His home has been in Wellington since 1899, and for a time he was in the dry goods business with George D. Griesinger. In 1903 he was able to buy out his partner and for the past thirteen years he has conducted the leading establishment of its kind in that section of Lorain County. He is the type of business man who has courage and resourcefulness sufficient to overcome all difficulties. On February 25, 1915, a fire destroyed his building and stock, but he was not long in resuming business, and he constructed a handsome building for his headquarters, and the store was opened with much eclat for the Christmas holidays of 1915.

In 1900 Mr. Watters married Ninette Nichols, a native of Medina



C. E. Pierce

County and a daughter of A. P. Nichols, who for many years has been a successful practicing dentist in that city. There are two children. Elberta Ninette and William A., both of whom are in school. The family are members of the Congregational Church and Mr. Watters is affiliated with the Masonic Order; the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a republican.

CLARENCE E. PIERCE. A popular and prominently known resident of Lorain, Clarence E. Pierce has devoted his entire career to activities in connection with railroading, and at present is terminal agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Lorain, the importance of this position being indicated by the fact that at this point 4,500,000 tons of coal are handled by the line annually. Mr. Pierce was born in Medina County, Ohio, May 11, 1869, and is a son of Orlin D. and Mary (Judson) Pierce. His parents were lifelong farming people of Medina County. He came to Lorain in 1890 and has continued to make that his home.

Clarence E. Pierce received a public school education, and when he laid aside his studies secured a position as clerk in the offices of the C. L. & W. Railroad. He proved faithful, energetic, painstaking and industrious, qualities which count for much in railroad offices, and won rapid promotion to cashier, then to chief clerk, and finally to agent. On April 1, 1907, he was made agent and April 1, 1913, was advanced to terminal agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Lorain, a position in which he has charge of its large interests including the handling of the coal and ore docks. The Lorain business of the Baltimore & Ohio is one of the most important of its whole system, being the receiving as well as shipping point for coal and iron ore. In this position he has won the unqualified approval and confidence of his company. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Lorain, in which he has been a deacon for years, and was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of the Lorain Board of Commerce.

Mr. Pierce was married January 23, 1893, to Miss Pearl Seeley, of Mallet Creek, Medina County, Ohio, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Marjorie Rosilla. Mr. Pierce is not a politician nor an office seeker, but has always taken an interest in his community's welfare and has aided in public-spirited movements. He is highly regarded as an industrious representative of railroad affairs, as a good citizen, and as a neighbor and friend whose loyalty may be relied upon.

W. D. WARREN is one of the oldest and best known residents of Wellington Township, where, in the village of that name he has been for many years engaged in the hardware business.

The Warren family has been identified with Lorain County fully eighty-five years, and in that time its members have borne a full share in the work of development and progress. The Warrens are of old Colonial stock and Mr. Warren's great-grandfather, Joseph Warren, served as a quartermaster in the American army during the Revolutionary war.

His grandparents were Benjamin and Lucy (Burr) Warren, who were Massachusetts people and came West to Lorain County in the year 1831. They bought a farm and paid for it with a large quantity of cloth which they brought from the East. They spent the rest of their lives on the old homestead.

W. D. Warren was born in Wellington Township September 15, 1851, a son of Luther Day and Laura (Wait) Warren. His maternal

grandfather, George Wait, spent his life as a New York State farmer. Luther D. Warren was born in Tyringham, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in 1813, and was about seventeen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Lorain County. He soon identified himself with the pioneer community, taught school for a number of years, and later gave his attention to farming, and though starting on a very modest scale he was for many years one of the substantial men of Wellington Township. He died on the old homestead in 1889. He was a republican in politics, served as school director and supervisor, and he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. His wife, Miss Laura Wait, was born in Fredonia, New York, in 1814, and she also died in the year 1889. Of their three children the two now living are Frank D. Warren and W. D. Warren.

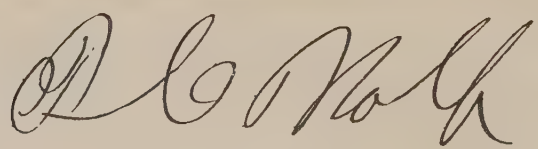
After acquiring a district school education, W. D. Warren took up the duties of the home farm, and he is now owner of the old homestead. Since 1898 his home has been in the village of Wellington, where at first he was in the roofing and slating business. In 1907 he bought a stock of hardware and has since kept all articles and commodities of that line needed to supply his extensive trade over the country surrounding Wellington.

In 1875 Mr. Warren married Helen M. Comstock, who was born in Wellington Township, daughter of Isaac L. and Emeline (Loveland) Comstock, who were natives of Massachusetts and early settlers on a farm in Lorain County, where they spent the rest of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have three children: Clarence is a contractor at Wellington; Albert I. lives on his father's farm; Emma is the wife of J. K. Gannett, a civil engineer at Cleveland. Mrs. Warren is an active member of the Methodist Church. For many years Mr. Warren took a very active part in the Patrons of Husbandry, served as master of the Grange a number of times, organized various Granges, and at one time was deputy state master. He is a republican in politics.

F. E. Andrews of Wellington has been a resident of Lorain County more than thirty-five years, and has been successfully engaged as a miller, farmer and merchant. His own enterprise has been at the foundation of the successful business which he now manages, one of the best equipped furniture stores and undertaking establishments in the county.

A native of Connecticut and of old New England stock, he is a son of Almon and Esther Hart (Hall) Andrews. His father was born in Meriden, Connecticut, in 1818 and died there in 1901, while his wife was born in Vermont in 1828 and died in 1911. They were married in Vermont and Miss Hall was his third wife, and of their four children the two now living are Emma C. Andrews of Meriden and F. E. Andrews of Lorain County. Almon Andrews spent many years operating a flour mill and afterwards engaged in the flour and feed business. He held the position of street commissioner in Meriden, and in the early part of his life was very successful, met with reverses, but succeeded in re-establishing himself financially before his death. He and his third wife lived together for more than fifty years. At one time Almon Andrews came to Lorain County and spent three or four years in this county with his brother, part of the time being engaged as a teacher. He married his first wife in Penfield Township. He was reared a member of the Episcopal faith, but afterwards went with his wife into the Methodist Church, and both were very active in church affairs. He was a republican, and affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

F. E. Andrews attended the common schools in Meriden, Connecticut, and also had the advantage of private school instruction. After



his education he spent two years in Vermont, and in 1880 came to Lorain County to visit a cousin in Penfield Township. He worked on farms, spent a year in California and Washington, and then returned to Wellington and was employed in a flour mill. He was entirely dependent upon his own exertions to put him ahead in the world, but quite early in life he married and established a home of his own.

In 1885 he married Alena R. Starr, who was born in Penfield Township of Lorain County, a daughter of O. K. Starr, one of the early settlers there. To their union have been born four children. Georgia, who graduated from the Wellington High School and from Oberlin College, taught a few years, then took a course in the Dykeman School at Cleveland, and is now private secretary to Mr. Baker of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mamye, the second daughter, lives at home and assists her father in the store. Keith S. graduated from the Wellington High School in 1915 and is now pursuing special studies. Robert is still in school. Mrs. Andrews and two of her children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Andrews is affiliated with the Masonic Order, he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and in politics he is a republican.

After leaving the flour mill at Wellington Mr. Andrews spent twelve years on a farm in Penfield Township, for a year was in a meat market at LaGrange, and since 1901 has been in the furniture and undertaking business at Wellington. He had a very small capital when he started and his first associate was James Damon under the firm name of Damon & Andrews. Six years later the firm became Andrews & Vincent, and later Andrews & Estey. As the prosperity increased Mr. Andrews was able to buy out his partner and has since conducted the business alone and has made a success of it. He carried a large stock of furniture and is also a licensed embalmer and has all the equipment for proficient work in this line.

FREDERICK C. WOLF. The facts in the career of the late Fred C. Wolf, a general builder and contractor of Elyria, indicate a strong knack for constructive accomplishment, an untiring industry, a constant vigilance in observing and accepting opportunity, and an unusual ability in handling a varied line of business affairs. Mr. Wolf was for many years one of the leading builders in Elyria, and the best evidence of his work is found in the solid structures which at different times he built in and about that city. In the midst of a busy career death came to him and he passed away October 1, 1915, at the age of forty-seven years.

His life began in Germany, where he was born in the City of Mecklenburg, Strelitz, April 19, 1868, a son of Fred and Sophia (Rankie) Wolf, who were also natives of that province in Germany. About 1881 the family came to the United States, there being four children at the time. Fred Wolf, Sr., while living in Germany rose to the rank of captain in the armies of the Empire, but after coming to America gave all his time to practical labor. From New York the family came direct to Lorain County, locating at Amherst, where the father has since lived and is now retired from active work at the age of about eighty. The mother died in Amherst, December 13, 1914. Altogether there were six children in the family, among whom is Mrs. Kreeger, widow of William Kreeger, and she was born in Germany and now resides at Amherst. The oldest daughter, Lena, was married in Germany to Albert Wockenfus, and did not come to this country until 1890, and now resides at Elyria. The four children who came with their parents are Fred C., Carl, who lives at Amherst, William of Elyria, and Edward of Amherst.

Frederick C. Wolf was thirteen years of age when he came to the

United States, and all his regular education was acquired in Germany. He never saw the inside of an English schoolhouse until as a contractor he built one of the schools at Elyria. In his younger days, at Amherst, he joined a club of fifty-two young men of about his own age and they hired an instructor by the name of John McCall, who taught the voluntary organization of ambitious young men four nights a week. Mr. Wolf had the benefit of this private instruction for 2½ years. After coming to this country he spent about a year in the employ of a farmer, but then started to learn the trade of stone cutting. Mechanical industry came naturally to him, and besides stone cutting he learned the blacksmith trade, the machinist trade and the trade of bricklayer, and arrived at the age of twenty-two with all these accomplishments. However, stone cutting was his favorite line of work, and he showed a great deal of ability in designing and carving, and he made a favorable impression by his artistic skill. For about eight years he was employed mainly as a stone carver, though also at different times working in his other trades. Much of his time was spent in the quarries at Amherst. Later he was with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway on construction work and became assistant superintendent on bridge and construction work for that line, a position he held 3½ years. Necessarily this employment kept him from home a good share of the time, and as he had been recently married he and his young bride found difficulty in reconciling themselves to this unsettled condition. It was at the suggestion of three of his old friends that young Wolf finally entered the business of contractor. These friends were Judge Nye of Elyria, the late Parks Foster, who in his time was one of the best friends of Mr. Wolf, and the late ex-Mayor Levergood of Elyria. At their suggestion and influence Mr. Wolf left the road and began business for himself at Elyria as a general contractor. He was twenty-five years of age at the time, and ever afterward followed steadily the business for which his skill in the trade and his native business enterprise so well fitted him.

From 1886 Mr. Wolf had his home in Elyria, having moved from Amherst in that year. On May 21, 1891, at Elyria he married Miss Ida Zarnke of Elyria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zarnke, old settlers who are still living in the city. Her father, who was a quarryman in his active days, is now retired. Mrs. Wolf was born in Germany, grew up and received her education there, and was about sixteen years of age when her parents emigrated to America and settled at Elyria.

It is important to give some idea of Mr. Wolf's accomplishments as a building contractor through a partial list of his activities. While he constructed many residences in Elyria, his specialty was largely in the construction of business blocks, schools and factories. He put up the Turner Block, the Sweet and Endley Block, the Century Block, the Masonic Temple, the Columbia Steel Works, the Perry Fay Factory Building. He constructed a three-story building at the Dean plant and also the power plant there. He also built the power plant and a large addition to the lace factory. His record included the construction of a number of school buildings, including the following: The Jefferson Street School, two additions to the Hamilton School, a large addition to the school east of the cemetery, the Lincoln High School on Sixth Street, the remodeling and additions to the Franklin School, the Centralized School at Amherst, the high school at Berea. The Elks Club Building at Elyria is another sample of his work. Mr. Wolf constructed hundreds of homes in and about Elyria for others and many for himself, and an important feature of his business was the building and selling of houses. He built the Wolf Block on Second Street, but sold that in

1914. At different times his enterprise was led into other lines. He remodeled and fitted the room in which he conducted the Walk-Over Shoe Store at Elyria for ten years, but finally sold the business in 1914. He also owned a millinery store, which he sold in 1913, and in the same year he sold a cigar store at Lorain of which he was owner for a time. He was also engaged for one year as agent for the Jackson Automobile Company and carried on the business in Cleveland under the style of the Wolf Motor Car Company at Seventeenth and Euclid Avenue.

Mr. Wolf was one of the genial and popular citizens of Elyria and stood high in social life. In Masonry he was affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; Marshall Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Elyria Council, Royal and Select Masons; Elyria Commandery of the Knights Templar; the Order of the Eastern Star, and had taken thirty-two degrees in the Scottish Rite and was a member of the Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. Other fraternities with which he was identified were the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Elyria. An exceedingly busy man Mr. Wolf seldom found time to take a vacation, but when he did his favorite recreation was hunting and fishing.

Important though his material achievements have been, he took his keenest delight in his home and family. He was the father of a group of children of whom any parents might be proud. There are two sons and four daughters. Elsie is now the wife of Herbert Tucker of Oberlin, and they have a daughter, Cleo Alice Tucker, born June 7, 1915. All the other children are still at home, their names being Emma, Esther, Carl, Alfred and Florence. All were born and educated in Elyria. The girls attended the German Lutheran School, while the boys both completed their education in the public schools, Carl having graduated from the high school with the class of 1915, while Alfred is a member of the class of 1917. They constitute an ideal family, and morality and earnestness of purpose have been cardinal principles in their training. The boys have never been in a saloon or poolroom in all their lives, and are sturdy and industrious and can usually be found within the home circle.

Louis W. Kothe. No small part of the development of Lorain County from wilderness conditions to the present time is to be credited to the influence and energies of the sturdy people who came from Germany at different periods in the last seventy years. It is as a representative of this fine class of citizenship that Louis W. Kothe stands, and through his energy and thrift he has become one of the leading farmers in the neighborhood of Kipton.

He was born in Black River Township of Lorain County September 13, 1870, a son of John and Anna (Kothe) Kothe. Both parents were natives of Hesse, Germany. The paternal grandparents were Jonas and Martha (Grunewalt) Kothe, while the maternal grandfather was John Kothe, a German farmer, who died in the old country. The paternal grandparents settled in Black River Township in the early days, and from there moved to Amherst Township, where they died. John Kothe, the father, was born August 26, 1845, and died June 16, 1891. His wife was born in 1844 and died September 24, 1902. They were married in Erie County, Ohio, and later moved to Lorain County, and eventually secured a farm in Amherst Township, which was occupied by John Kothe until his death. He and his wife were members of St. Peter's Church at Amherst, he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in politics was a democrat. Of the seven children born to the parents, the three now living are: Louis W.; Peter, who owns

a farm in Amherst, Ohio; and Lizzie, wife of William Shriner, a stonemason at Amherst.

Louis W. Kothe grew up on a farm in Amherst Township, gained his education in that locality, and has made his success in life by persistent application to the vocation of farming. After his marriage he lived four years on his mother's place and in 1898 bought his present farm of 103 acres. Since taking possession he has rebuilt the barn and has a very attractive as well as valuable country home. While he does general farming he also makes dairying a feature of his prosperity, and raises considerable stock, his dairy herd consisting of six or seven cows.

In 1894 Mr. Kothe married Miss Anna Braun, daughter of Henry Braun, and a granddaughter of Adam and Martha Braun. Adam Braun brought his family to America in 1860 and settled in Black River Township, but subsequently removed to Ottawa County, where he died. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Kothe was Martin Dute. Mr. and Mrs. Kothe have two children: Edward, who has finished his education and assists his father in the farming business and is a member of the Grange. The son, Walter, is still in school. The family attend St. Peter's Church in Amherst, and Mr. Kothe is one of the leaders in the Grange movement in this section of the county. The successful manner in which he has managed his own affairs has gained him the confidence of his fellow citizens, and in the fall of 1914 he was elected township trustee, an office which he is still capably filling. In politics he is a democrat.

Charles Henry Buttenbender. The City of Elyria counts as one of its livest and most enterprising citizens Captain Buttenbender, who has been identified with this community for the past twenty-five years, and in business, public affairs, and all the more notable movements of organization which go to make up the life of a thriving city, has exercised an influence in keeping with his magnetic personality, his boundless energy, and a public spirit which never seeks anything for himself but is always at the service of the community.

A native of New York City, Charles Henry Buttenbender was born October 7, 1854, a son of Henry and Caroline (Bower) Buttenbender, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to this country when young, were married in America, and about 1860 the father, who had up to that time been in business in New York City, moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he died at the age of sixty-six. The mother died there January 6, 1910, in her eighty-third year.

Six years of age when taken to Fort Wayne, Charles H. Buttenbender grew up in that Indiana city, and showed the independence of his nature when at the age of twelve he left school and began earning a living at wages of $2 per week in a grocery store. He found more profitable employment in another store, but soon discovered that he was not fitted for the grocery trade, and at the age of sixteen began an apprenticeship with a Fort Wayne manufacturer of silk hats. Later he was employed as a journeyman hatter, but with the passing of the fashion for the wearing of silk hats as a regular part of men's apparel, he turned his attention to a more substantial industry, and until about 1886 was a moulder in Fort Wayne.

His career as an independent business man began as a flour and seed merchant, and after selling that business he did a wholesale trade in buying and shipping of hay for several years. Captain Buttenbender got into active politics in Fort Wayne in 1887, when elected a member of the city council from the Eighth Ward. He was a republican and the

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eighth was the stronghold of the democratic party in the city. His personal popularity enabled him to carry the ward by a majority of 150 votes, but in the following year the same section of the city gave a majority of 500 in the general election to President Cleveland. After being in the city council two years, he was deputy county assessor for a time. In 1889 he became a railway postal clerk on the division between Cleveland and Syracuse, and it was this employment which led to his removal to Elyria. Mr. Buttenbender was in the mail service up to 1906. In that year he resigned and organized the Hinkson-Buttenbender Company, Incorporated, which was soon developed as one of the leading local firms of contractors and builders, real estate and insurance agents. Mr. Buttenbender was secretary of this organization until June, 1915, and since then has been in business as a real estate and general contractor under his own name, with offices in the Sharp Block. Since March, 1915, his insurance business has been carried on under the firm name of Sotherden & Buttenbender, also with offices in the Sharp Block. From 1908 he was in the insurance business as a member of the firm of Sotherden, Buttenbender & Hinkson, Mr. Hinkson retiring in March, 1915. This fire insurance firm represents some of the largest and leading companies in that field, and are also agents for automobile insurance in the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, the largest underwriters of accident and liability insurance in the world. Other companies which they represent are: The American Central Insurance Company of St. Louis; the Phoenix Assurance Company (Limited), the Standard, the Royal Exchange Assurance, the Commercial Union, the New Jersey of Newark, and the Nord-Deutsche of Hamburg, Germany.

From the beginning of his residence at Elyria in November, 1889, Captain Buttenbender has always exhibited the characteristics of a public spirited citizen. In November, 1909, he was elected councilman at large, and on the organization of the council on January 3 of the following year was elected president pro tem, and filled that position two years. In 1912 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the republican nomination for the office of mayor of Elyria, and in the fall of that year was appointed by the city council as councilman of the Fourth Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George Guthmann. He was again a member of the city council until February 1, 1913, and then resigned to accept appointment as director of public safety, an office he filled until February 1, 1914.

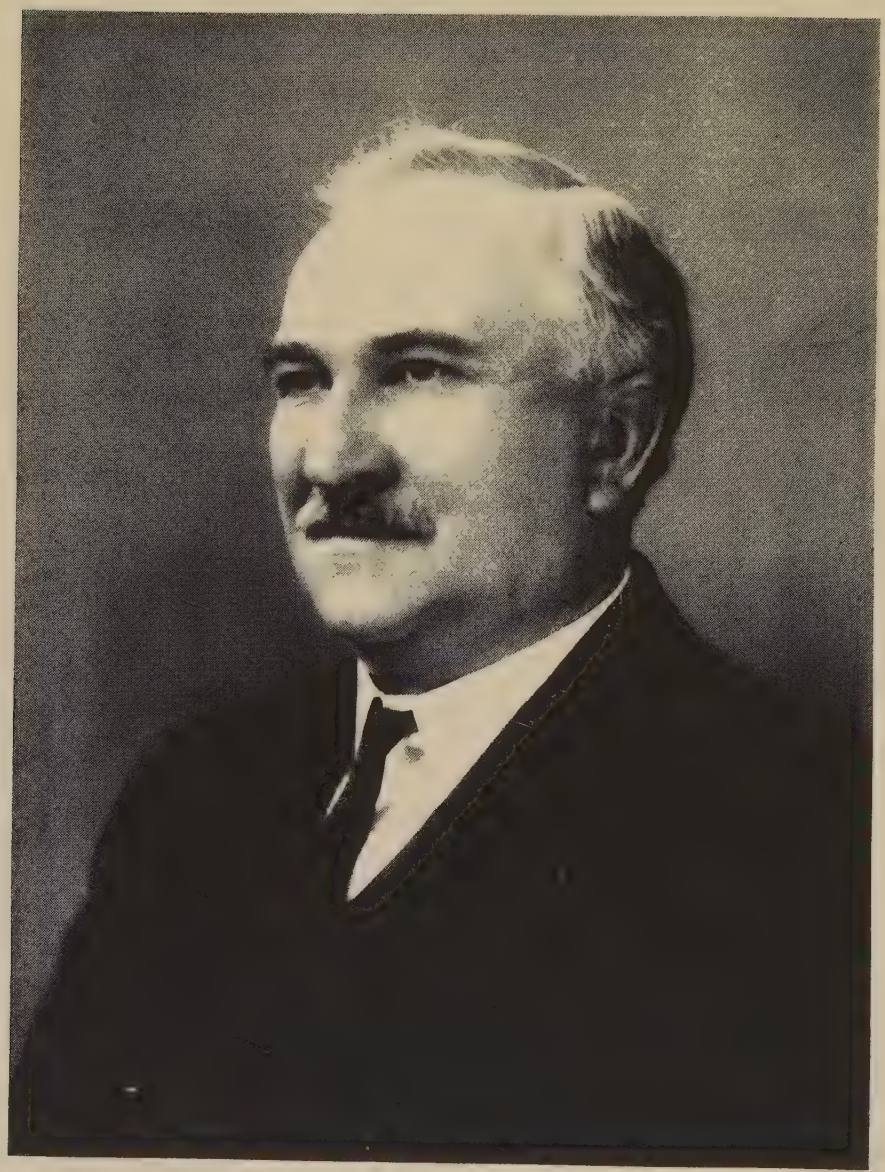
Probably no local resident has been more prominent in fraternal affairs and has received more honors at the hands of fraternal organizations than Captain Buttenbender. In 1879 he joined Fort Wayne Lodge No. 14, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past noble grand and past grand representative of that organization. He was one of the trustees of the lodge when the Odd Fellows Temple was built in Fort Wayne and filled all the chairs in the local organization. For a number of years he was captain of Canton Fort Wayne of the Patriarchs Militant and served as major of the Second Battalion, First Regiment. Since 1883 he has also been an active member of the Knights of Pythias, having joined the order at Fort Wayne in that year, and is now past chancellor of Chevalier Lodge No. 316 at Elyria, having filled all the chairs and gone as representative to the Grand Lodge. He assisted in organizing Uniform Rank, Company No. 117, Knights of Pythias, and served with the rank of captain fifteen years. On November 21, 1907, he was made a Master Mason in King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, and attained to the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite in the Lake Erie Consistory at Cleveland less than one year later. He is past eminent commander of Elyria Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar,

and is also a member of the Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. The Elyria Lodge of Elks has also found him a most valuable brother, and he is past exalted ruler of the lodge and was representative to the Grand Lodge in Denver in 1914, and in 1913 was president of the Elks Club Company. In the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Elyria he served in 1912 as chairman of committee when the Grand Lodge of Eagles, of which he is a member, held its convention in this city in 1913. He is also a member of the auxiliary organizations of the Eastern Star, the Pythian Sisters and the Rebekahs. Captain Buttenbender has for a number of years taken much interest in the Lorain County Volunteer Firemen's Association, of which he was president, and his influence was chiefly instrumental in inaugurating the Fire and Police Pension Fund in 1913, the measure having been adopted by the city council in that year and the first appropriation made, and the fund is now increased by regular appropriations from the county and state. Captain Buttenbender is a member of the Elyria Builders Exchange, is a stockholder in various business enterprises in that city and elsewhere and since 1906 has held a commission as notary public. Captain Buttenbender is noted for the versatility of his interests and avocations, and one of his chief enthusiasms is automobiling, and since 1908 he has served as secretary of the Elyria Automobile Club. He is usually found at all the racing meets, and is occasionally called upon to act as an official in these automobile events, and was recently a timekeeper in the races conducted under the Cleveland Automobile Association.

Captain Buttenbender is one of the active members of the First Congregational Church at Elyria and also belongs to the Men's Club of that church. He was one of the captains of the teams who raised $127,000 in ten days for the beautiful Young Men's Christian Association Building which adorns the public square of Elyria. He was elected and is now serving as one of the trustees of the association. He married Miss Estella C. Grout. Mrs. Buttenbender was born in Franklin County, New York, daughter of William Grout.

Charles T. Jamieson has been one of the well known bankers of Lorain County for the past eighteen years, and was formerly a bank examiner and comes of a family long prominent in banking and other affairs.

He was born in Clermont County, Ohio, May 2, 1855, a son of Milton and Maria (Titus) Jamieson. His father was born in Williamsburg, Ohio, in 1825 and died in 1907. The mother was born in Dutchess County, New York, in 1836 and died in 1879. They were married in 1854 at Batavia, Clermont County, Ohio, where Milton Jamieson was for many years a well known attorney and banker. Though a man who was self educated and self-made, his success was pronounced, and he was one of the foremost men in his section of the state. In early life he served one year as a lieutenant in the war with Mexico, and lost his health while in the army. He was very active in Masonry, attained the Royal Arch degrees, was a whig and later a republican in politics, and was very influential in that line although never a seeker for office. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. At the age of eleven years Milton Jamieson set type on the first issue of the Clermont Courier, and owned and conducted this newspaper for some time. Milton Jamieson was a son of John and Catherine (Perrine) Jamieson, the former a native of Cynthiana, Kentucky, and a soldier in the War of 1812, having settled in Ohio after the close of that conflict. He was a saddler by trade, and kept one of the early hotels in Southern Ohio. The Jamieson family came from Aberdeen, Scotland, and Mr. Charles



J. M. Starr

T. Jamieson's great and great-great-grandfathers were both soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The great-grandfather was Samuel Jamieson and the great-great-grandfather was John Jamieson. Charles T. Jamieson's maternal grandfather, Titus, was a native of New York State, but settled in Clermont County, Ohio, on a farm about 1840. He should be remembered as having introduced the first Merino sheep into the state. The Titus family were Quakers.

Charles T. Jamieson was one of four children and is the oldest of the three now living. His sister, Mrs. Charles Belt, lives in Batavia, Ohio, the wife of a physician. His brother, Percy, is president of a bank at Batavia.

Mr. Jamieson was liberally educated, attending Hanover College and in 1875 graduating from the University of Wooster. For a short time he was assistant treasurer and paymaster in the railway service, and he was also admitted to the bar. For ten years Mr. Jamieson was proprietor of the Urbana Citizen and Gazette, and he established the daily issue of that paper. Subsequently he was special foreign agent of the United States Treasury Department, then filled the office of bank examiner for one year, and since 1898 has had his home at Wellington in Lorain County.

At Wellington he became cashier of the First Wellington Bank, which was originally a national bank, but is now under a state charter. This is one of the strongest banks of Lorain County, has a capital of $85,000, surplus and undivided profits of $70,000, and its deposits average $950,000.

In 1885 Mr. Jamieson married Miss Angie West, who was born in Lebanon, Ohio. Her father, Rev. Enoch G. West, died rather early in life and was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson have one daughter, Miriam, who lives at home, and she and her mother are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Jamieson is a Presbyterian and for many years has been closely identified with church and Sunday school affairs and has served as superintendent of the Sunday school at Wellington for sixteen years. Fraternally he is a charter member of Urbana Lodge of the Masonic Order, of which he is past master, and he is also a Knight Templar. In politics he is a republican, and has given some capable public service as a member of the board of education.

Justus M. Starr is a banker at LaGrange Village and through banking and other activities has long enjoyed a place of prominence in that section of Lorain County. He is also a practical farmer and dairyman, and for a number of years was one of the merchants of the village.

His birth occurred on a farm which he still owns, in Penfield Township of Lorain County March 28, 1864. His parents were Orrin K. and Elizabeth (Blanchard) Starr.

Mr. Starr grew to manhood on the old farm, and was well educated. As a boy he attended country school, spent a year in the Elyria High School, a year at Wellington, another year at the Valparaiso University in Indiana, and in 1882 he finished a commercial course at Oberlin. Following this came several years of traveling over the country, and in January, 1888, at Los Angeles, California, he married Miss Kitty C. Bailey.

Soon after his marriage he returned to Lorain County and for ten years conducted a general merchandise store. On February 1, 1898, he sold out and established at LaGrange a bank which he has since carried on with steadily accumulating success. In the fall of 1897 a fire had destroyed the building on the site where Mr. Starr's bank now stands.

He then acquired the property, built a substantial structure in which his bank was opened for business on August 18, 1898. A part of the building is rented for business purposes, and the second story has the Masonic Lodge rooms.

Mr. Starr owns the 120 acre farm in Penfield Township where he was born, and he has developed it as a first class dairy farm, and it is operated with profit and efficiency.

He has also been active in public affairs, served eleven years on the school board, is now a member of the council and for one term was mayor of LaGrange. As a republican he cast his first presidential vote for President Harrison. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In Masonry he is active, being affiliated with the lodge at LaGrange and the chapter and council at Elyria. He is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Wellington, in which he filled the various chairs and is a past chancellor, but his membership is now in LaGrange Lodge No. 500.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr have one daughter, Frances B., who was born in Penfield September 30, 1893. She graduated from the LaGrange public schools and is a member of the class of 1916 in Oberlin College.

R. H. Kinnison. After a long and useful career as a schoolman R. H. Kinnison retired in 1915, having spent fully half a century in the profession and for more than thirty years had been connected with the Wellington schools as superintendent. He is now taking life somewhat at ease and enjoys the comforts of a fine home at Wellington.

Mr. Kinnison's ancestors were English who settled in New England in the Colonial times and it is interesting to recall that his great-great-granduncle, David Kinnison, who lived to be one hundred fourteen years of age, served through both the Revolution and the War of 1812 and was the last surviving member of the famous Boston tea party. Professor Kinnison's grandfather, Charles Kinnison, a native of Virginia, was an early settler in Jackson County, Ohio.

R. H. Kinnison was born at Middleton, Jackson County, Ohio, February 8, 1846, a son of Charles S. and Hulda (Smith) Kinnison. His maternal grandfather, Francis Smith, served in the Civil war, and was killed in the battle of Pittsburg Landing when sixty-three years of age. He had enlisted first in the three months service and then re-enlisted for three years. Charles S. Kinnison was born in Jackson County, Ohio, December 16, 1815, and died December 18, 1892. He was also a teacher, was educated in academic grades and continued active in the schoolroom for fifteen years, after which he followed farming. He was a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Charles S. Kinnison married for his first wife on September 6, 1841, at Middleton, Ohio, Miss Hulda Smith, who was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, April 22, 1821, and died in 1850. Of his three children Professor Kinnison is the only one now living. The father married for his second wife Margaret Jane Carrick, who was born April 7, 1821. By this union there were four children, and the two now living are: James E. Kinnison, who is a graduate of Ohio University of which he is now a trustee and for thirty-four years has been superintendent of the public schools of Jackson, Ohio; and Lola, wife of William V. Wells, a coal dealer at Columbus, Ohio.

Professor Kinnison began teaching when little more than a boy. He first attended the Jackson County public schools, spending one year in the high school at Jackson and two terms in the Ewington Academy in Gallia County. He paid his way through college by teaching, and in 1873 was graduated from the Ohio University at Athens in the classical

course, received his Master's degree in 1876, and he was recently honored by his university with the degree Doctor of Pedagogy. At his graduation he represented his class in oratory.

After leaving college Professor Kinnison was superintendent of the schools at Willoughby, Ohio, for two years, and filled several other places with credit and ability. In 1879 he came to Wellington to take charge of the schools as superintendent and almost the entire history of the local school system might be written as a pertinent part of his individual history. He finally retired from his active duties in 1915 as superintendent emeritus, an honor conferred by the board of education.

On December 30, 1874, Professor Kinnison married Lida C. Woodworth, a daughter of Lysander and Emily (Cumings) Woodworth. Mrs. Kinnison was born in Lake County, Ohio, in 1851, and her father was a farmer and spent most of his life in Madison, Ohio. Professor and Mrs. Kinnison have three children. Charles W., who was born at Norwalk, Ohio, is now office manager and secretary of the Samuel Austin Construction Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Paul F., the second son, is assistant manager of the varnish department for the Sherwin Williams Company at Cleveland. The daughter, Ruth, is the wife of Roy F. Cope, a successful commission merchant at Topeka, Kansas. These children were educated at the college at Delaware, Ohio.

Mr. Kinnison and wife have for many years been leading members of the Methodist Church at Wellington, and both have taught in the Sunday school for thirty-six years and he is a member of the official board of the church. He is a Master Mason, and a republican in politics. In 1883 he built his beautiful home at Wellington, and having given most of his life to public service in the capacity of teacher is now prepared to spend his declining years in comfort and well-earned ease.

Frank B. Gregg, M. D. In the practice of medicine at Wellington for over twenty years, Dr. Frank B. Gregg is now one of the oldest established physicians in that part of Lorain County. He has an excellent general practice, has won a worthy place in professional affairs, and while not a specialist he has become well known through increasing years for his ability in handling diseases of the eye and ear. Wellington counts him as one of its most capable and useful citizens.

Born at Springboro, Ohio, September 27, 1865, Doctor Gregg is a son of Jonah R. and Ella S. (Gregg) Gregg. His grandfather, William Gregg, was born near Deerfield, Ohio, and spent all his active career on a farm in that locality. He was active in church affairs, being first a Quaker and later a Univeralist. Several of his sons were soldiers in the Civil war, and one of them, Harrison Gregg, was killed during the Atlanta campaign, while George, another soldier, died at Fayetteville, West Virginia. Dr. Gregg's maternal grandfather was Aaron Gregg, who was born in Loudon County, Virginia, moved to Kentucky and from there to Ohio. He served in the State Senate of Kentucky, and was prominent in republican politics at a time when that party was very unpopular, and it was largely on account of political persecution that he left Kentucky and moved to Ohio.

Jonah R. Gregg was born in Springboro, Ohio, in 1836 and died in 1893. His wife was born in Kentucky in 1844 and died in February, 1915. They were married at Springboro and Jonah Gregg followed farming for many years in Warren County, Ohio. He was a member of the Universalist Church and in politics a republican. Of the four children the two now living are Dr. Frank B. Gregg and Earl L., who is Eastern representative in New York City for the Clark Teachers Agency of Chicago.

Doctor Gregg as a boy attended the district school, was reared on a farm, afterwards continued his literary education in Buchtel College at Akron, and in 1889 graduated from the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, and in 1892 completed his course in the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati.

For three years Doctor Gregg had exceptional opportunities by his service as assistant surgeon in the Dayton Soldiers Home. With this mature experience and thorough equipment he moved to Wellington in 1895, and in a few years was comfortably established in a large practice. He is surgeon for the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company, and is a member of both the County and State Medical societies.

In April, 1895, he married Miss Carrie Danforth, who was born near Maineville in Warren County, Ohio. Her father was Horace Danforth, and her mother's maiden name was Emma Butterworth, of a prominent old Ohio family and a cousin of Benjamin Butterworth. Doctor and Mrs. Gregg have one child, Robert, who is now in the first year of the high school. Mrs. Gregg is a member of the Friends Church. Fraternally Doctor Gregg is a Maccabee and in politics a republican.

Ray D. Johnson. To no one class does Lorain County owe more of its wealth and strength and prosperity than to the agriculturist. While the county as a whole has a well diversified development, many industries and productive resources, it is the farms taken in the aggregate which furnish the great bulk of material for the well being of its inhabitants. One of the present generation of progressive farmers is Ray D. Johnson whose home is about a mile and a half east of LaGrange postoffice in LaGrange Township.

The energy and enterprise which he has furnished as a propelling force in his own career and by which he has rendered his best service to the community are well indicated by the fact that when he was about sixteen years of age he and his brother contracted for the purchase of eighty acres of land. He worked steadily, denied himself all luxuries, and he did not finish paying out his share on that land until he was twenty-nine years of age. He kept his interest in this farm for a number of years.

He represents pioneer stock in Lorain County, and was born on the Johnson homestead a mile and three-quarters south of LaGrange May 10, 1867, a son of George D. and Adaline (Luce) Johnson. His father was also born on the Johnson homestead in LaGrange Township October 4, 1836. The grandparents were Nathaniel and Rhoda (Crowner) Johnson. Nathaniel Johnson was born at Watertown, New York, and came from that locality at a very early day, long before railroads were built into Ohio. With a team of oxen and a wagon he made the journey to Lorain County, being six weeks en route, and located in the midst of the woods a mile and three-quarters south of LaGrange Village. He paid about $3 an acre for 160 acres, and at one time owned 178 acres in that vicinity. At the time of his settlement there were only three or four other families in the entire township. His energy enabled him to clear up much of his land, and he died there when about sixty-four years of age, while his wife lived to be almost eighty-eight.

George D. Johnson, father of Ray D., grew to manhood on the old farm, had a common school education to start with, and lived to enjoy contentment and prosperity in his later years. He was a republican and a member of the Baptist Church. Of six children, five grew up, and the three now living are: Flora, wife of Durell Battles of Wellington; Ray D.; and Lucy, wife of Gideon Leiby of LaGrange.

Ray D. Johnson also spent his boyhood on the old farm south of

Ray D Johnson

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LaGrange, and made his first independent venture in the manner already related. He spent most of his years at home until nineteen, earning considerable money working for others. After becoming established as a result of his hard and persistent labor he was married on October 28, 1896, to Miss Cora Swartz.

Mrs. Johnson was born on the home where she and her husband now reside October 23, 1871, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Purdy) Swartz. Her father was a native of Wuertemberg, Germany, coming to America at the age of two years with his parents, Frederick and Catherine (Metzgar) Swartz, who settled on a farm near Liverpool in Medina County. Jacob Swartz grew up in Medina County and when about thirty-five years of age married Miss Purdy, who was born at Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, and had come to Medina County at the age of eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Swartz after their marriage moved to their farm near LaGrange, where Mr. Swartz acquired 112 acres of land, and where he spent the rest of his years. There were five children in the Swartz family, and the two now living are Mrs. Johnson and her brother Don A., who also lives in LaGrange Township.

For two years after his marriage Mr. Johnson worked for Mr. Swartz on the farm, and then for one year worked by the day wherever needed. He then bought eighty-five acres of land one mile south of LaGrange, the purchase price being $3,280. He went in debt for it, paid off all his obligations, and at the end of ten years left the farm with a number of improvements including a new barn. Much of his prosperity as a farmer has come from the dairy business. Since 1910 he has lived on his present place east of LaGrange.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have nine children: Walter, born March 18, 1898; Lola L., born September 6, 1899, and now in the freshman class of the LaGrange High School; Erwin L., born September 28, 1900; Everett Leland, born December 17, 1901; Harvey W., born February 22, 1903; Harland, born December 11, 1905; Letha, born January 25, 1907; Russell F., born January 28, 1911; and Flora I., born January 5, 1916. In politics Mr. Johnson is an independent.

Norman M. Pond of Wellington has recently completed fifteen years of successful practice as a member of the bar. He began practice in Cleveland and he still appears frequently in the interests of his clients in Cleveland courts, and from the first has enjoyed a steadily increasing and promising business as a lawyer. His legal home has been in Lorain County for more than thirty-five years.

He was born at New London, Ohio, April 25, 1861, a son of Asahel A. and Mary M. (Crandall) Pond. His ancestry goes back to the early days of New England. His great-great-grandfather, Abel Pond, was born at Lenox, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and was a soldier on the American side of the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandfather, Merton Crandall, a native of New York State, was descended from Rev. John Crandall, who was a prominent Colonial minister and one of the founders of Newport, Rhode Island. Grandfather Daniel S. Pond was born in Poultney, Vermont, June 29, 1805, and was an early settler in Northeastern Ohio, settling in Portage County in 1826. He walked the entire distance from Vermont to Ohio, became a pioneer farmer, and afterwards from 1865 to 1875 served as a station agent on the Big Four Railroad.

Asahel A. Pond, father of the Wellington lawyer, was born in Knox County, Ohio, May 28, 1829, and gave practically his entire active career to farming. His death occurred October 10, 1913, and he had lived retired for a number of years. In 1867 he moved to Lorain County,

but his last years were spent at Norwalk. He was active in Grand Army circles and had enlisted in 1864 in Company C One Hundred and Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, held the rank of corporal and took part in the Shenandoah Valley campaign in Virginia and in the pursuit of General Mosby's Confederate raiders. He held various township offices, was well known in republican circles and at one time was director of the County Infirmary. He was a member of the First Universalist Church at Norwalk. Mary M. Crandall, his wife, was born near Oberlin, Ohio, May 18, 1832, and is still living at the advanced age of eighty-four. Before her marriage she was a school teacher.

Norman M. Pond was about six years old when the family came to Lorain County, and he grew up on a farm here, attended the public schools of Lorain County, Ohio, and the Ohio Northern University at Ada. It was as a teacher that he became well known in a number of districts in this section of Ohio and by his able work in that profession gained a strong hold on the confidence of many people who have since employed his services to equal advantage as a lawyer. For four years he was superintendent of schools at Ridgeville. While studying law he taught in a business college at Cleveland, and after his admission to the Ohio bar in 1900 he took up practice in that city. He confined his practice to Cleveland for nine years, but since 1910 has had an office and has had his home at Wellington. He is now serving as justice of the peace and city attorney of Wellington, and enjoys a high standing among the members of the Lorain County and Cleveland bars.

On August 3, 1887, Mr. Pond married Lotta H. Howard, a daughter of William H. and Charlotte (Laboree) Howard. Mrs. Pond is an accomplished musician and teacher, is a certified teacher of the Cleveland School of Music, and conducts a studio and music classes both in Wellington and at Cleveland. She is also choir director in the Wellington Methodist Episcopal Church, and both she and her husband are active in that church. Mr. Pond is affiliated with Ellsworth Lodge of Masons at Cleveland, and in politics is a republican.

John Jacob Haag. The claim of John Jacob Haag upon the good will and consideration of his townsmen in Elyria Township is based upon many years of effective work as an agriculturist, upon his record as a self-made man, and upon his activity in promoting the welfare of his community. A life of industry and thrift has resulted in the accumulation of a fine property of ninety acres, located on the South Ridge Road, formerly known as the Telegraph Road, where he carries on general farming and also raises some stock. Mr. Haag was born August 4, 1853, on a farm located one mile west of his present place, on the Old Township Line Road, between Elyria and Amherst townships, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Heger) Haag.

Daniel Haag was born in Germany and came to the United States during the '40s with his parents, being then a young man. The mother's parents, also of Germany, settled at a point in Lorain County known as Whiskyville, probably owing to the fact that a tavern had been located there in early days. Her father was George Heger, who was well known among the pioneers of this locality. The parents of John J. Haag were married in Lorain County and took up their residence on the township line, where Daniel Haag was for many years the operator of a successful sawmill. He died in 1872. His first wife had died when the son, John J., was eight years of age and he had married again, wedding a Mrs. Colb, a widow of Cleveland, who had three children by her former marriage. Daniel and Catherine Haag had eight children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: John Jacob; George D., a druggist of Cleveland,

Mr. John Jacob Haag

Mrs. Anna M. Haag

Ohio; Daniel C., a farmer residing on the same road as his brother John J., but a little farther to the west; Leonard, a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, where he went thirty-four years ago to join the Mormons; John, unmarried, a resident of Cleveland, and engaged in carpentry; Margaret, who married Herman Diner, and resides alternately at Elyria and North Amherst.

John Jacob Haag was reared on the homestead farm and attended the district school, a Lutheran school and the high school for one year. After his father's second marriage he found home conditions not as pleasant as they had been formerly, and accordingly decided to start out for himself. He worked at various occupations for several years, carefully saving his earnings, until he was finally able to buy the sawmill business from his brothers who had come into possession of the property. This mill, which was located on his present property close to his home, he conducted with success for fifteen or twenty years, then turning his attention to farming, in which he has continued to be engaged to the present time. He is one of the progressive and enterprising men of the community, a stanch supporter of good men and beneficial movements, and an agriculturist who believes in the use of the most modern machinery and methods in his work. He has erected good buildings on his land and has other improvements which have not only enhanced the value of his farm but has contributed to the upbuilding of the community. He maintains an independent attitude in regard to public affairs, has held no offices nor has cared for any, and is not a lodge man, preferring his home to fraternal orders.

When twenty-two years of age Mr. Haag was married to Miss Anna M. Diner, of Barea, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, daughter of Fred and Caroline Diner, now deceased, who operated a farm of ninety acres, as well as a stone quarry at Berea, where Mr. Diner was born. Mrs. Haag died in 1907, the mother of six children: Theodore, a baker in the employ of the R. B. Biscuit Company, at Elyria, who married Miss Albertina Barbknecht and has three children, Leona, Ruth and Theodore, Jr.; Charlotta, who is the wife of Henry Coath, a policeman of Cleveland; Christiana, who married John Silberhorn, a clothing merchant of Cleveland, and has three sons, Harold, Howard and Arthur; Louisa, who married Emil Pohl, a teacher in a Lutheran school at Cleveland, and has three children, Margaret, Caroline and Edward; Florence, who married, in 1914, William Bechstein, a farmer of South Amherst and also the operator of a threshing machine, sawmill, etc.; and Henry, who resides on the farm with his father and conducts the operations, married Christina Born, and has four children, Henry, Ernest, Walter and Anna. Henry Haag is a member of the English Lutheran Church.

L. V. Banning. It is said that opportunity soon or late comes to every man. It is the ability to recognize and improve opportunity which is the keynote of success. For a number of years L. V. Banning was in the retail grocery business at Wellington. He also developed the wholesale feature of the business, and there came a time a few years ago when he recognized the possibilities of concentrating his entire attention along one line, and as a result he has developed a wholesale brokerage business in the handling of sugar and during 1915 he sold $200,000 worth of that commodity, which was distributed through his agency at Wellington to retail firms all over this section of Northern Ohio. He now buys from fifteen to twenty carloads of sugar in a single purchase, and at the age of forty finds himself at the head of a very prosperous and promising business.

Mr. Banning was born at Rochester in Lorain County, Ohio, Jan-

uary 12, 1876, a son of A. H. and Mary Jane (Anderson) Banning. His grandfather was one of the early settlers of Lorain County and the father was born in this county in 1836 and is still living at the age of eighty. The mother was born in Albion, Ohio, in 1840, and died in June, 1913. The parents were married in Rochester, and the father spent most of his active career in laboring pursuits. He is a republican in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. Of their two children the daughter, Cora, also lives at Wellington.

L. V. Banning finished his education in the high school at Wellington in 1893, and soon became a clerk in a grocery store. On January 1, 1900, profiting by his experience and by the accumulation of a modest capital, he started in business for himself, was for two years associated with F. W. Renouard as a partner, and after that was alone until 1912, when he sold the grocery trade and has since concentrated all his time on the wholesale sugar business. He has a plant comprising a 300-barrel warehouse at Wellington, and his accomplishments are the more noteworthy since he started in life on only a clerk's salary.

In October, 1911, he married Miss Victoria Richmond who was born in Penfield Township of Lorain County. Her father, Lester J. Richmond, also a native of Lorain County, was a soldier in the Civil war from 1862 until the close of hostilities.

Mr. Banning is a Knight Templar Mason and is also affiliated with the Scottish Rite, is past master of his lodge and past high priest of the chapter, and is also past patron of the Order of Eastern Star. His wife is also a member of the Eastern Star. In politics he is independent, and wields considerable influence in his section of the county. He is now serving as township treasurer and formerly filled the office of village treasurer.

John B. Dudley. A native of Lorain County John B. Dudley is identified with this county by many ties of family, work and civic loyalty. He is perhaps the chief stock breeder, particularly in the department of Holstein cattle, in the county, and has a splendidly equipped farm and fine home in the vicinity of Oberlin.

He was born in Henrietta Township of Lorain County September 17, 1861, a son of Stowell B. and Sarah (Gillman) Dudley. His father was born in Vermont and died in 1904, and the mother was a native of England and is living at the age of eighty. They were married in Lorain County, and Stowell B. Dudley likewise followed farming all his active career. He became prosperous though he was a poor boy when he came to Lorain County. For six years he held the office of county commissioner. He was quite active in republican politics, his father's name was Jonathan Dudley. Mrs. Sarah Dudley was a member of the Episcopal Church. There were five children in the family, and John B. Dudley is the oldest of the three now living. His sister, Mary Duross, is the wife of a Cleveland manufacturer of brass fixtures. The other sister is Mrs. Winifred Darby, whose husband is a physician in Cleveland.

John B. Dudley grew up on a farm, and completed his education during the freshmen year at Oberlin College. He had all the early influences conducive to a life of honest industry, and after remaining with his father until twenty-two he bought a farm of 240 acres, which he subsequently sold in order to acquire his present fine farm near Oberlin, comprising 215 acres of well cultivated and well improved land. He specializes in thoroughbred Holstein cattle, and has about fifty head all the time, and recently he had the largest sale of cattle ever held in

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Ohio. He also keeps a large number of hogs, horses and other stock, and pursues general farming and crop raising almost sufficient to feed all his own stock.

Mr. Dudley married Mary A. Whitney of Oberlin, daughter of G. W. Whitney, who was an early settler in Lorain County, and first followed farming and afterwards became identified with the gas industry. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have six children: Howard, who finished his education at Oberlin, was for several years in the candy business and is now located in Spokane, Washington; George S., who was educated at Oberlin, is employed to test cattle under the state government; Ben B. lives at home and has finished his education; Florence also attended schools at Oberlin and lives at home; Daniel P. is a vigorous and enterprising young chicken farmer at his father's place; and Robert is thirteen years of age. Mrs. Dudley and three of her children, George, Florence and Daniel, are all active members of the First Congregational Church of Oberlin. Mr. Dudley is a republican in politics, but gives practically all his time and attention to his business as a stock raiser and general farmer.

Henry W. Geukes. A self-made man, who merits admiration for his fine success in life, is Henry W. Geukes, a grower and dealer in celery in Elyria Township, this county. Mr. Geukes is a large property owner in Lorain and he receives a goodly income from houses he has rented out in that city. He was born at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1861, and is a son of Derk and Johanna (Bemer) Geukes, both of whom were born and reared in Holland, whence they immigrated to the United States in 1857, locating in Grand Rapids, where the father was engaged in the dairy business for many years. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Geukes, two of whom died in infancy. Concerning the others the following brief facts are here inserted: Aaron D. is a resident of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Mary is the wife of Joseph Washburn, of Kalamazoo; Minnie married W. F. Landen and they live in Los Angeles, California; Anna is the wife of John Miller, of Kalamazoo; and Henry W. is the subject of this sketch.

As a boy Henry W. Geukes attended the common schools of Kalamazoo and when ready to start life in real earnest he engaged in the celery business at Kalamazoo, Michigan, right in the famous celery belt. He remained in that city for two years and then went to Greentown, Ohio. One year later he located in Canton, Ohio, and there was engaged in the same line of enterprise for a period of twenty years. In 1901 he came to Lorain County and rented his present place in Elyria Township. This little estate consists of a little less than three acres and he purchased the place in 1907. On his arrival here he engaged in buying and selling celery and continued as a dealer only until 1910, when he began to grow that plant on a small scale. In recent years he has raised from 80,000 to 100,000 plants per season but in 1915 he rented additional land and raised over 200,000 plants. He finds his market chiefly in Lorain and Elyria, Lorain County, and also in Vermilion, Erie County, Ohio. He is the owner of some splendid residence property in Lorain, including a double house at No. 2071 E. Twenty-ninth Street, a private house on the corner of Thirty-fourth Street and Broadway, and two other houses on Thirty-third Street. All of the above houses are rented and net him a nice income every year. Mr. Geukes' success in life is the result of his own ambitious endeavors and for that reason is most gratifying to contemplate.

While not an active politician Mr. Geukes usually votes the straight republican ticket. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the following

organizations: Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Geukes has been twice married. In 1881 he wed Miss Rosa Glorr, a native of Switzerland. To this union were born three children: William D. is employed by the Santa Fe Railroad Company and maintains his home at Seattle, Washington; May is the wife of John Maurer, of Grafton, Ohio, they have two sons, Raymond and Herbert; and Florence is the wife of Peter Phillips, of Stege, California. For his second wife Mr. Geukes married Emma (Meier) Meyers, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Magdalene (Hofstetter) Meier. Mrs. Geukes was born in Switzerland, in 1868, and her marriage to Mr. Geukes occurred April 16, 1901. By a former marriage, to Louis J. Meyers in 1889, she had a daughter, Mabelle Louise, born in Jonesboro, Arkansas, January 29, 1893, and now the wife of Paul M. Taylor, of Elyria. Mr. Taylor is a son of J. M. Taylor, of Sheffield Township, Lorain County, Ohio, the Taylor family being one of old standing in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Taylor reside in Sheffield Township, Lorain County, Ohio.

Frederick Haist. Coming from his German fatherland to the United States when a young man of about twenty-three years, Mr. Haist has been in the most significant sense the architect of his own fortunes and has made the passing years count in worthy achievement that has been crowned with definite success. He has been a resident of Ohio since 1867 and has maintained his residence on his present farm, in Russia Township, Lorain County, for nearly forty years. Energy, circumspection and good business judgment have enabled him to win distinctive prosperity in connection with the basic industry of agriculture, and he stands as one of the substantial farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Lorain County, within whose borders he has found ample scope for the directing of his earnest efforts during the years of a signally industrious and useful career. As a sterling citizen of worth and unalloyed popularity he is well entitled to definite recognition in this history of his home county, which he has honored by his character and his accomplishment.

Mr. Haist was born in Germany on the 7th of August, 1844, and is a son of Frederick and Helen (Gelst) Haist, of whose two children he is the younger, his sister, Mrs. Joos, having been a resident of the city of Cleveland for many years prior to her death. Frederick Haist, Sr., passed his entire life in Germany, where he was for many years employed in a steel manufactory. His widow came to the United States in 1871 and passed the closing years of her life in the home of her daughter, in the city of Cleveland, Ohio.

He whose name introduces this article acquired his early education in the schools of his native land and there also he acquired in his youth practical experience as a workman in a foundry. He carefully conserved his earnings and in 1867 he came to America and made Cleveland, Ohio, his destination. There he was employed for eleven years as a skilled artisan in a foundry, and at the expiration of this period he came to Lorain County and purchased a farm of forty-five acres, this constituting his present fine homestead. The place was much run down when it came into his possession and the original dwelling was a small house of most unpretentious order. With characteristic energy he set himself to the task of improving his farm, which he soon brought under effective cultivation, and with increasing prosperity he made the same evident in the erection of good buildings, including his present attractive residence, which was completed in 1894, and which is one of the

many attractive rural homes of the county. Mr. Haist has long been recognized as one of the representative farmers and stock-raisers of Russia Township, and he has reason to view with pride and satisfaction the gracious prosperity that is his after many years of earnest toil and endeavor.

While giving due attention to the advancement of his personal interests Mr. Haist has not been self-centered or in the least negligent of the duties of citizenship. He has co-operated in the furtherance of measures and enterprises tending to advance the communal welfare and while never in the least ambitious for political office he has given loyal support to the cause of the democratic party. He is affiliated with the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry and with the Knights and Ladies of Security.

In 1877 Mr. Haist wedded Miss Augusta Wangerine, daughter of Carl Wangerine, who was one of the early settlers of Lorain County. Mrs. Haist was called to the life eternal in March, 1879, and of their three children two are living,—Henrietta, who is the wife of Charles Gibson, a prosperous farmer of Russia Township; and Carl, who is employed as a street car conductor in the city of Cleveland. On the 4th of October, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Haist to Miss Rosa Menz, a daughter of Peter and Matilda (Holtenrite) Menz, both natives of Germany, Mr. Menz having established his home in Lorain County, Ohio, upon his immigration to America and having been foreman of a stone quarry at Amherst for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Haist have five children, concerning whom brief record is given in conclusion of this sketch: Matilda is the wife of James Curtis, who is engaged in the drug business in the City of Cleveland; Rose is the wife of William Baker, who is engaged in the grocery and meat business at Lorain; Albert is a representative grocer and meat dealer at Lorain, in which line of enterprise he is associated with his younger brother; Alice is the wife of Arthur Lang, who with his brother-in-law, Clarence Haist, conducts the Meadow Brook Dairy and Creamery business at Lorain, Ohio.

Earl N. Gibbs. Few citizens of Lorain County have had a busier and more effective career in various lines than Earl N. Gibbs, banker, merchant, farmer and former member of the State Legislature, whose home is at Kipton in Camden Township. A little more than forty years of age, he has filled his years with energetic activities and has always been a leader, one of his chief characteristics being his initiative and enterprise.

He comes of fine old American stock. Mr. Gibbs was born in Medina County, Ohio, March 12, 1874, a son of Farnum M. and Calista (Garlock) Gibbs. Back in the early years of the eighteenth century three brothers named Gibbs came to this country from England. They were shipwrecked and separated and did not meet for a number of years after they reached this country. Two of the brothers went to Virginia, while Joseph Gibbs, who was born in 1727, located in one of the New England states. This Joseph Gibbs was a man of note, and was long known as Lieutenant Gibbs. He served with that rank on the staff of Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary war. His death occurred in 1805. On September 11, 1749, he married Elizabeth Palmer. A son of Lieutenant Gibbs was Benjamin, who was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 25, 1783, and when quite an old man came with younger members of the family to Ohio in 1842. Farnum Gibbs was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 1, 1835, and died February 28, 1909. He was very young when he came to Ohio in 1842 and he lived on a farm,

but was educated as a minister and for some years served as a pastor. During the war he was a member of the Second Ohio Cavalry, a regiment that did more riding and went through more diverse parts of the country than probably any other regiment in the Union army. Two times he rode horseback west of the Mississippi, and took part in one of the campaigns in Indian Territory. After two years of active service he was injured when his horse threw him, and spent a number of months in the hospital. After the war he bought a farm in Medina County, and reared his family on the farm. He retired a number of years before his death, which occurred at Brunswick. He was a republican in politics, served as justice of the peace a number of years, and was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was also noted for his progressiveness and his sterling integrity and was a valuable neighbor and friend. Farnum Gibbs was married at Parma, Ohio, to Miss Garlock, who was born at Parma in 1834 and died February 5, 1912. Her father, George Garlock, was a native of New York State and came to Ohio about 1842, locating on a farm at Parma, where he spent the rest of his days.

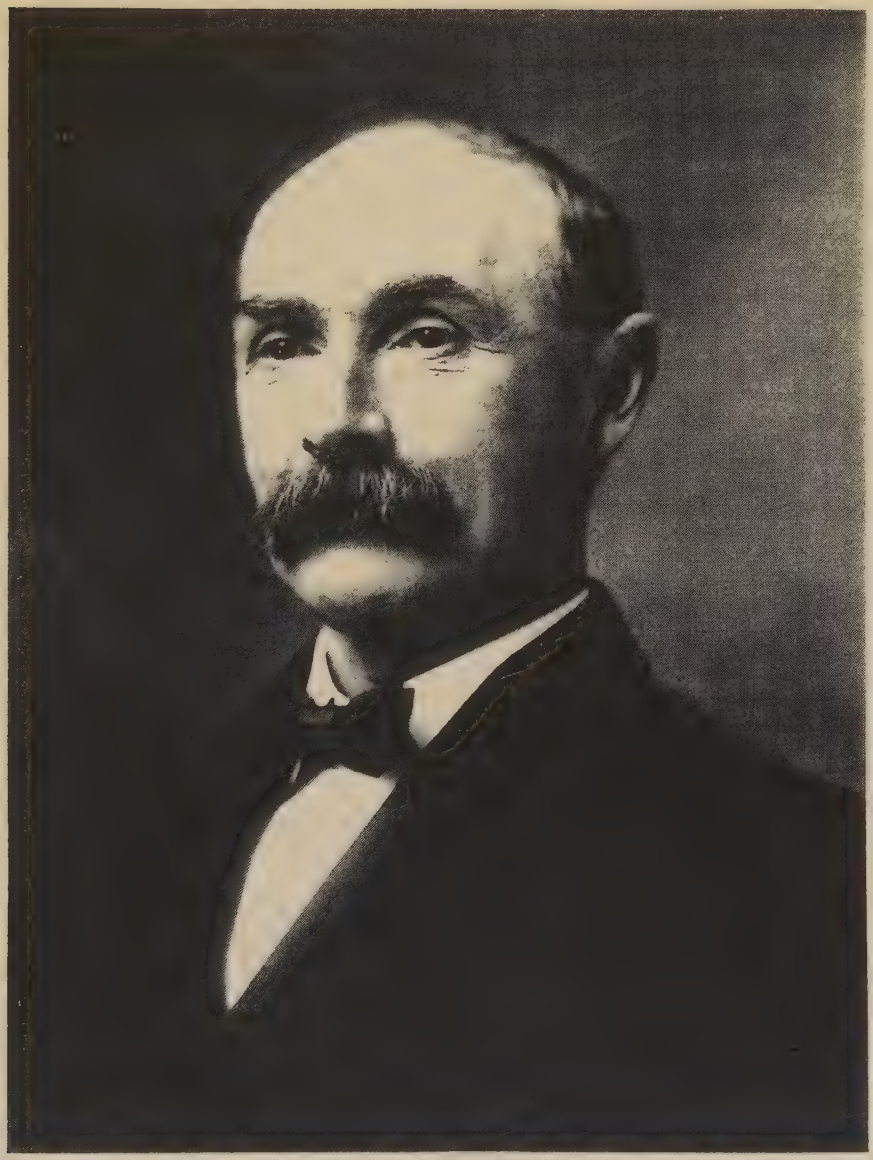
Earl N. Gibbs had a liberal education as a preparation for his active career. He attended the Oberlin Academy and for four years was a student in Hiram College. On leaving college he gained a liberal training in merchandising by serving five years as clerk in a store at Kipton, and in 1901 he bought the business and has since developed a large and flourishing general store, controlling a trade over a radius of a number of miles about Kipton.

In 1895 Mr. Gibbs married Georgia Breckinridge, a daughter of B. F. Breckinridge, who for a number of years was a merchant at Kipton and is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs. The latter have one daughter, Margaret, who is now in the junior class of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

The family are active members of the Christian Church, and in politics Mr. Gibbs is a republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Order. His service in the Legislature was during the Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth sessions, and he proved himself an able conservator of the interests and welfare of the state and of his own constituency. He served as a member of committees on common schools, railroads and telegraph, banks and banking.

After becoming securely established as a merchant, Mr. Gibbs turned his energies toward other lines, and in 1905 organized the Kipton Banking Company of which he has been president. This is a very substantial institution and commands and deserves the support of a large community. It has a capital stock of $25,000 with surplus of $4,500, and the average deposits are $200,000. Mr. Gibbs for a great many years has been interested in general farming and not only makes a success of the business for himself but wherever possible lends his efforts toward improving and raising the agricultural standards in his township. In fact, farming is his recreation as well as a vocation.

Wesley B. Phipps was for many years a leading and influential citizen of Elyria Township and his activity in agricultural affairs, his co-operation in public interests and his zealous support of all objects that he believed would contribute to the material or moral improvement of the community kept him in the foremost rank of those to whom this honorable principles and it also exemplified the truth of the Emersonian philosophy that "the way to win a friend is to be one." His genial, kindly manner won him the high regard and good will of all with whom he came in contact and thus his death, December 23, 1914, was uni-



Wesley P. Lippes

formly mourned throughout Elyria Township and the surrounding district.

May 18, 1852, on the parental homestead in Elyria Township, Lorain County, Ohio, occurred the birth of Wesley Bird Phipps, who was a son of John Jackson and Chloe A. (Garrett) Phipps. The father was born at Messina, on the St. Lawrence River in the State of New York, and there he passed his boyhood and youth. As a young man he accompanied his parents to Ohio and located in the vicinity of Elyria, where he acquired a large parcel of farm land. He also engaged in buying timber and staves which he sold to a Mr. Harbeck, who manufactured barrels for the Standard Oil Company, then in its infancy. About this time, 1840, he was married and after continuing in the above business for thirty-five years he gave it up and then turned his attention to the cultivation of a farm of 120 acres, which he had purchased in Elyria Township. He was the landlord of the first hotel in Elyria, the Franklin House, which burned down just after the insurance had expired and he thereby lost $3,000. His great spirit of optimism, however, did not allow him to worry as he cooly remarked that he had earned the money once and could do so again. He was summoned to the life eternal July 28, 1886, and his cherished and devoted wife, who survived him for several years, died January 9, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Phipps became the parents of seven children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: George, born February 24, 1841, married Maria Ely on December 5, 1859. He enlisted for service in the Civil war, was attacked with typhoid fever and died shortly after being brought home, October 24, 1862. He had two children: Early, born August 31, 1860, and John A., born January 2, 1862. Owen, born February 13, 1843, died October 2, 1907. He married Eunice Brown, September 13, 1862, and to this union were born two sons, Frankie and Archie, both now deceased. Heman, born October 11, 1845, died in 1904. He married Margaret Higgins, June 26, 1872; no children. Louisa Sarah, born February 16, 1848, is deceased. She married Lyman Kemp, October 16, 1866, and to them were born four children: Clarence, born in 1868, died in 1890; Wallie, born October 17, 1869, died in 1893; Edith, born July 10, 1875; and Harry, born June 27, 1883, is married and resides in Cleveland, Ohio. Wesley Bird is the immediate subject of this review. Elnora, born September 11, 1855, died May 31, 1867, aged eleven years. Levilla, born January 28, 1863, died in 1911. She married Frank Andrews, December 15, 1881.

Under the sturdy and invigorating descipline of the parental homestead Wesley Bird Phipps was reared to maturity. His early schooling consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools of Elyria Township. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the entire period of his active career and he became the owner of his father's farm on Lake Avenue. He was a shrewd and intelligent farmer and kept his estate in splendid condition. He was a man of forceful character and strong common sense and while not highly educated—a fact he always regretted—still he possessed a marked influence for good in the community and his judgment in town affairs was held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. His demise, December 23, 1914, caused widespread sorrow and deprived Elyria Township of one of its most industrious and useful citizens. Although not physically a strong man, he labored hard to place his family in good circumstances and to provide the means for educating his children. He will long be remembered for his upright life and sterling character.

March 26, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Phipps to Miss Emma Walton, a daughter of Thomas and Christina (Christian)

Walton, of Elyria Township. Mrs. Phipps' ancestors on the maternal side came from the Isle of Man, where the Christians were people of great prominence and large means. To Mr. and Mrs. Phipps were born two children: Elnora Anna, whose birth occurred December 20, 1878, married Frederick E. Baker, December 5, 1900, and they reside in Elyria, Ohio; they have two children, Wesley Edward and Dorothy Evelyn; and Stella May, born February 6, 1881, married Earl Smith, February 10, 1910; they reside on Lake Avenue in Elyria Township.

In political allegiance Mr. Phipps gave his support to the democratic party. Mrs. Phipps survives her honored husband and maintains her home in the old residence on Lake Avenue. She attends the Disciples Church in Elyria and is a woman of kindly personality and her charm and innate goodness make her a favorite with her many neighbors.

Norman Lee is one of Lorain County's citizens who volunteered their services during the dark days of the Civil war and is one of that small army of surviving veterans of the great war. For many years he has been one of the leading and successful farmers of Camden Township, and in that community has lived respected and has surrounded himself with material comforts as well as the esteem which goes with honorable citizenship.

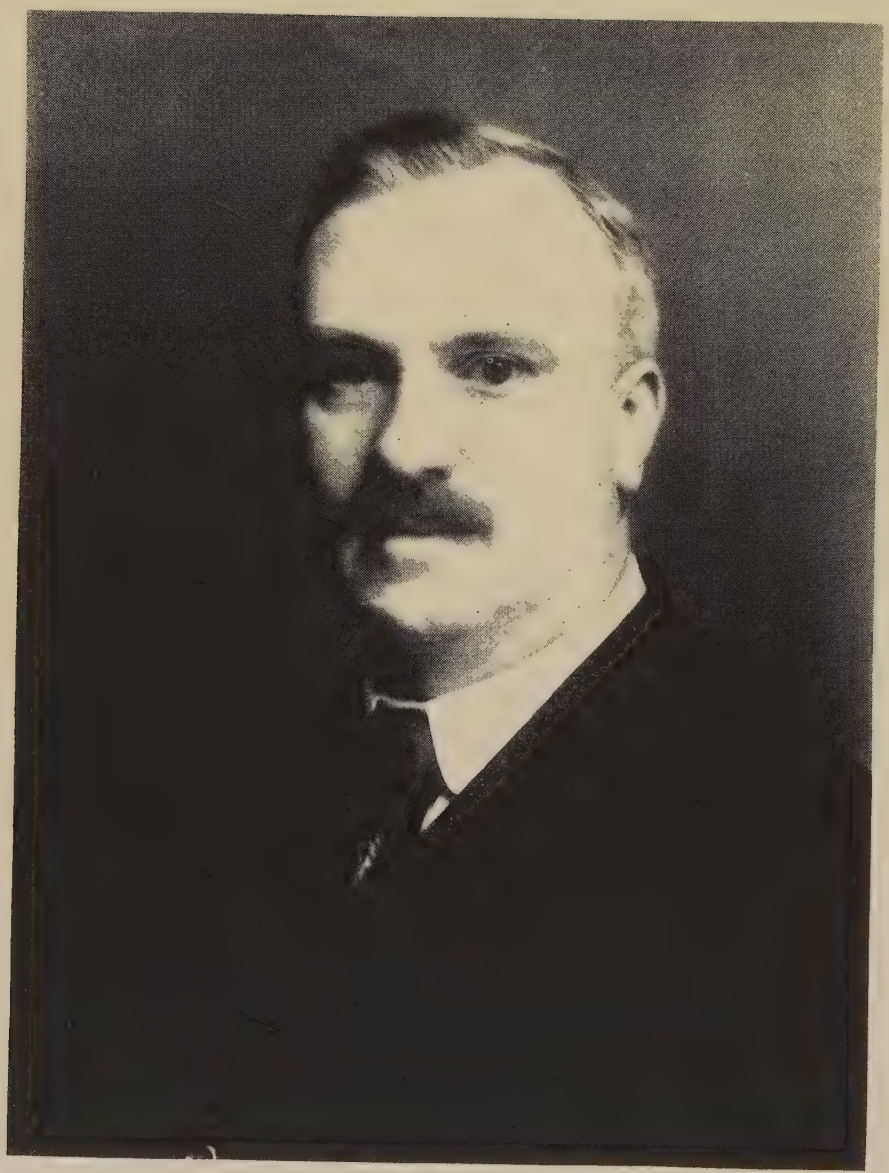
His family has been identified with Camden Township since the earliest pioneer times, for more than eighty years. Mr. Lee was born in Camden, May 22, 1843, a son of Thomas T. and Lucinda (Waugh) Lee. Both parents were natives of New York State, his father born June 30, 1799, and died September 5, 1877, and his mother born July 10, 1811, and died February 5, 1894. After their marriage in New York they came to Ohio in 1833, and were the first family to settle in Camden Township, where Thomas Lee bought a tract of ninety acres. He cleared up all his land and was quite successful, leaving an estate of 140 acres at the time of his death. He was a whig and afterwards a republican in politics, holding several town offices and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Norman Lee is the only survivor of a family of six sons and one daughter. He grew up on the old homestead in Camden Township, attended the public schools there, and was a valuable helper to his father until past the age of twenty-one. On August 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company G of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio Regiment and was with the army eleven months. Most of the time he spent on Johnston's Island in Lake Erie as a guard for the Confederate prisoners.

On December 16, 1873, Mr. Lee married Frances L. Hurd. Her father, Harrison Hurd, was born July 11, 1805, and died July 11, 1896, on his ninety-first birthday, was the fourth of the family to locate in Camden Township, and was a very influential man in that community from pioneer times. He took much part in church affairs and served as deacon. In the Hurd family were twelve children, and the five now living are: Ann Eliza, widow of John Weeks and living with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee; Elizabeth, wife of G. R. Parker, a retired citizen of Lorain, Ohio; Mrs. Lee; Albert Hurd, who lives with his daughter in Cleveland; and J. N. Hurd, who occupies the old Hurd homestead in Camden Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee became the parents of four children and the three now living are: Lucinda, wife of Herman Hach, an upholsterer at Cleveland; Thomas Lee, at home with his parents; and Andrew H., who is a farmer in Wakeman Township of Huron County.

Mrs. Lee is an active member of the Baptist Church at Kipton. In politics Mr. Lee is identified with the republican organization. He has



Walter A. Watts

been a general farmer for half a century or more, and has given much of his attention to cattle and other stock. His fine rural place comprises 125 acres of land and all its buildings and important improvements are the result of his management and supervision.

C. B. Ingersoll. The Ingersolls were among the families that established pioneer homes in the vicinity of Grafton upwards of a century ago. C. B. Ingersoll is a native son of Lorain County and for nearly fifty years has been closely identified with its farming and stock raising interests. He has one of the fine rural homes in the neighborhood of Kipton.

He was born at Grafton, January 21, 1847, a son of William and Elizabeth A. (Welburn) Ingersoll. His paternal grandfather, William Ingersoll, was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and located in Lorain County not long after the close of the War of 1812. He married Catherine Houk. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Ingersoll was Jesse Welburn, who was a native of England, and settled in Lorain County in 1825, spending the balance of his days here. William Ingersoll, father of C. B. Ingersoll, was born at Grafton, Ohio, September 30, 1820, and died January 25, 1879. His wife was born in the State of Massachusetts, August 17, 1825, and died November 22, 1909. They were married at Grafton. William Ingersoll in 1853 sold his farm of fifty acres in Grafton Township and moved to Camden in the spring of 1854, buying a farm of 275 acres, to the cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his years. He was a republican in politics, and a man who enjoyed the full esteem of his fellow citizens. He and his wife had eight children, three sons and five daughters, and the four now living are: C. B. Ingersoll, who was the first born; Mary, widow of George Brooks; Kate, wife of George Bois, a mail carrier at Warren, Ohio; and Frank, who is the youngest, and was born January 22, 1870, being a farmer at Kipton.

C. B. Ingersoll grew up on his father's farm, attended district schools, and when still young became a practical farmer. He now owns a fine place of 275 acres and besides general crops gives much attention to stock. He keeps about 125 sheep. His farm is well improved, has all the tile necessary to thorough drainage, and the building equipment comprises two very commodious barns and a comfortable residence. Mr. Ingersoll is still active and giving all his time to his business, though his prosperity is such that he might be justified in retiring and spending the rest of his life in comfort and ease.

In 1887 he married Miss Anna Watson, who was born in Ireland, a daughter of William and Martha (McNeilly) Watson. Her mother is still living and resides in Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Ingersoll are the parents of ten children, named as follows: William, a farmer at Brighton, Ohio; Emma, wife of Allen E. Hayes, a farmer at Clarksfield; Mary, now deceased; Gracie, at home; Seth, Charles, Walter, Mabel, F. A., and Blanche, all of whom are living at home. Mr. Ingersoll is a republican in politics.

Walter Hickman Watts, official stenographer of the courts of Lorain County, Ohio, was born in the City of London, England, December 31, 1865, being the third in a family of eleven children born to William Andrews and Louisa (Hickman) Watts. His forbears on his father's side were principally engaged in farming and stock raising in the fertile valleys of the West of England, although in different generations the family has given to the world men who have distinguished themselves as soldiers, artists, writers and preachers, among the last named being the immortal hymnologist, Dr. Isaac Watts. The family

has also furnished to the American continent a fair share of pioneers. On his mother's side, Mr. Watts is descended from a family that has produced statesmen, lawyers and physicians, some of whom were distinguished in their day. His maternal grandfather, John Hickman, of Old Smithfield, London, was a famous character in the social life of London, in the early Victorian days.

When Walter Hickman Watts was two years of age, his parents settled at Blackley, a suburb of Manchester, noted as a Saxon settlement and rich alike in its historic lore and romantic scenery. He received his education in the famous Allsop Foundation School, at Blackley, and at the Albert Memorial School, Manchester. His parents were prominent church and Sunday school workers and enjoyed in common the study of Biblical literature, on which subject they were regarded as authorities. The father of Mr. Watts was also a deep student of English literature, and numbered among his close friends, writers and literary critics. In addition to the care of a large family, he and the mother found time to engage in various lines of altruistic labor and left the impress of their high character upon the community in which they lived.

The male members of the Watts family were all engaged in newspaper work, the father and three sons being identified at the same time with one newspaper, the Manchester Evening News. For the past forty-five years some one or more members of the family have been at work with this publication in various departments, and at the present time representatives of the second and third generations are engaged in the production of this paper, which is one of the greatest of English journals. It was on this paper that Walter H. Watts received his early training as a newspaper man, beginning as an amanuensis to the editor and eventually working into the reporting department. Then for a few years he was engaged with a firm of law reporters, at the head of which was R. R. Dodds, known to literary fame as "Rab Robinson." Subsequently Mr. Watts joined the staff of the Bolton Guardian, where he rose to the position of chief reporter, being reputed to be the youngest man in the North of England to occupy such a responsible position. In his newspaper work he specialized in court work and municipal affairs and achieved distinction as a free lance. In his English newspaper experience Mr. Watts reported many of the famous trials of the day, including the case at Liverpool of Florence Maybrick, the American woman who was convicted of poisoning her husband by means of arsenic extracted from fly papers. He also followed the leading statesmen of the country on the "stump" and figured as a descriptive writer on the occasion of some of the great mining disasters of his time.

In the summer of 1892, on the verge of a breakdown from overwork, Mr. Watts came to visit the United States, and was so much impressed with what he saw that he soon decided to stay. It was while visiting in Cleveland that he was offered a position with a Cleveland paper, which he accepted, and went to Sandusky, where he later became city editor of the Sandusky Register. His newspaper work at Sandusky brought him into contact with Governor McKinley, who became much interested in his labors and who was friendly with the Englishman until his death. Having shown his familiarity with court procedure, Mr. Watts was offered the position of official stenographer of Erie County, in April, 1894, which office he held until April, 1907, when he resigned to accept a similar position in Lorain County. He recently (1916) rounded out twenty-two years of service in court work in Ohio, and in that time has been engaged in many famous cases, his services being called into requisition in surrounding counties when cases of more than usual importance have been on trial. The Billow murder trial, at Fremont, the famous

Hayes dog case there, the Hoyt will case, at Tiffin, and the more recent Rasor murder trial at Medina are among the big cases in which he has figured. When the municipal code was being considered by a special committee in the House of Representatives at Columbus (of which Mr. A. G. Comings, of Oberlin, was chairman), Mr. Watts was one of two expert stenographers who were called in to report the proceedings.

Mr. Watts is deeply interested in the cause of public education and has given largely of his time to the interests of the public schools of Elyria. He was first elected to the Elyria Board of Education in the spring of 1909, to fill a vacancy, and was elected at the general election in 1911 for a term of four years. At the time of the death of W. N. Gates, in the spring of 1913, he held the office of vice-president and was then elevated to the office of president, which position he held until his retirement in January, 1916. Mr. Watts is known as a progressive school man and takes great pride in the new school buildings erected during the past few years from funds raised by a bond issue of $300,000 authorized by a vote of the people in 1912, particularly in the large manual training building connected with the high school, which he believes will accomplish much in the training of the high class of artizans which the industries of Elyria require. Among Mr. Watts' many activities are his connection with the Elyria Social Settlement Association, which devotes its energies to uplift work among the foreigners of the city, and of which he is a trustee and a former chairman of the council of workers. He is also a director of the Elyria Associated Charities, a member of the Elyria Memorial Hospital Association, of which he was formerly chairman, and a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce.

For many years Mr. Watts has been active in republican politics, although never seeking an elective office of profit. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, having been a member of Science Lodge No. 50, Free & Accepted Masons, since 1894, and is a member of Sandusky City Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Sandusky City Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Elyria Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar, of Lake Erie Consistory, Valley of Cleveland, and of El Koran Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He occupied the office of prelate of Elyria Commandery from 1910 to 1915. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which body he held the office of worthy patron in the years 1911-12. Mr. Watts was connected with Company B, Sixth Ohio National Guard from 1902 until 1905, first as first lieutenant and later as captain.

Although he was reared in the faith of the English Established Church, Mr. Watts and his family worship at the First Congregational Church of Elyria. Despite the fact that his many activities make heavy demands upon his time, Mr. Watts indulges an inherited taste for good literature and finds his greatest recreation in his well-chosen library, one of the largest private collections at Elyria, to which he is constantly adding.

Mr. Watts was married July 30, 1888, at Ashton-on-Ribble, England, to Clara Reed, only daughter of Capt. William Reed, a retired salt-water mariner, and Maria Reed, who now reside at Sandusky, Ohio, where in 1915 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Watts reside at the family home on Furnace Street, Elyria, their family consisting of two charming daughters, Alice Reed and Dorothy Louisa.

Judson N. Hurd has been one of the live factors in the country around Kipton for a long period of years. The old homestead on which he grew up in Camden Township is the place where he still resides. He acquired the interest of the other heirs in the property but ill health

compelled him some years ago to sell off most of his land, and he now keeps only forty-five acres, with which he does a business as a general farmer.

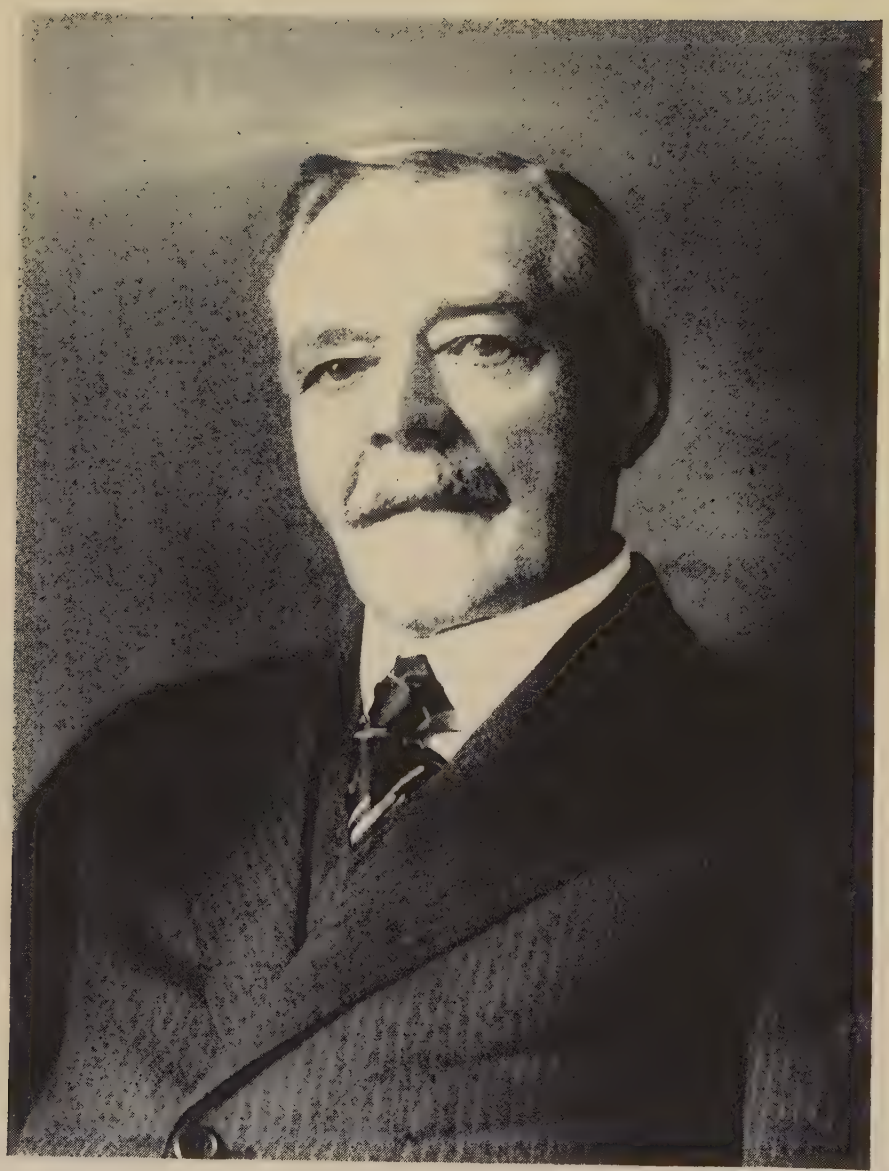
Mr. Hurd has a fine family, and has always taken much interest in local affairs. He has held the principal township offices and for a number of years was road supervisor and much of the constructive road work in his community is due to his capable leadership and encouragement. He and his family are especially active in the affairs of the Baptist Church. He and his wife and children are all musicians, especially talented in singing, and for years he has been a choir leader and prominent in other branches of such work. He is still called upon to sing on many occasions, and for years has sung at most of the funerals in his community.

He was born in Camden Township of Lorain County, December 21, 1849, a son of Harrison and Rebecca (Stillson) Hurd. His grandfather, was Norman Hurd, who died in New York, and the maternal grandfather, Phineas Stillson, came to Camden Township, where he spent the rest of his days with his daughter, Mrs. Hurd. Mr. Hurd's parents were both natives of Jefferson County, New York, where his father was born in 1804 and his mother in 1807. The father passed away in 1895 and the mother in 1885. After their marriage in New York State they came to Ohio and located in Camden Township in 1834. In the previous year Harrison Hurd had bought some land and after making a permanent settlement he applied himself vigorously to clearing it up. The first home of the Hurds in the county was a log cabin, but in 1854 this was replaced by the substantial home where Judge N. Hurd now resides. Harrison Hurd took a very prominent part in the early affairs of Camden Township, particularly in church matters. He was one of the six members who organized the Camden Church, was the first chorister and for years led the choir and was widely known as Deacon Hurd. In his private business affairs he was likewise prosperous, and at the time of his death owned a good estate of 153 acres. He served as township trustee and as a member of the school board, and while living in New York was a member of the state militia. In politics he was a democrat. Of the twelve children of the parents those now living are: Mrs. Weeks of Lorain County; Mrs. G. R. Parker of Lorain; Albert, a retired citizen at Elyria; Judson N.; and Mrs. Norman Lee.

Judson N. Hurd grew up in Camden Township when most of the country was still wild and from the district schools of his community he later attended school at Oberlin. After his school days were over he took up work as a farmer and has spent practically all his life on the old homestead.

On October 12, 1871, he married Miss Nancy Bartlett, daughter of Nelson D. and Jane (Rankin) Bartlett, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Massachusetts. Her parents came to Lorain County when young people, and both died in Oberlin. Her father was a farmer until he retired late in life. Of the six children in the Bartlett family, four are living: Horace G., a farmer in Pittsfield Township; Maro L., who is a musician and for a number of years was head of a musical conservatory at Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Hurd; and Harry M., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurd have four children. Maurice Hurd was formerly a machinist and now doing work as a janitor at Warren, Ohio; Roy D. is in the grocery business at Elyria; Mabel J. is the wife of Clayton Whitney, an insurance man at Springfield, Ohio; Myrtle L. still lives at home.



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ANDREW DAVIDSON has traveled along the highway of mortal experience for more than ninety-three years and is now dwelling in the shadows of an old age after a lifetime of usefulness. He arrived in Lorain County in time to participate in some phases of its early development and the labors of his vigorous young manhood helped to convert some of the unshorn wilderness into a productive and fertile landscape. Many years ago he was able to retire with a satisfying competence for all the needs of later years, and besides his material prosperity he is able to take a satisfying retrospect over the past. Mr. Davidson still owns 152 acres, constituting an excellent farm in the vicinity of Oberlin, and all this prosperity has been the direct result of his own hard work.

He was born at Rathfryland, County Down, Ireland, November 19, 1822, a son of Andrew and Jane (McGaw) Davidson. Both parents spent all their lives in County Down, and the father was born there in 1795 and died in 1860. He was a farmer and also did an extensive business in the buying of horses and cattle, and was quite well to do. In the family were five sons and two daughters, and the three still living, all of them quite old, are Andrew; Joseph, a farmer in Ireland; and Jane, wife of Robert Martin, an Irish farmer. The family were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Andrew Davidson received his early education in Ireland and first came to America in 1855, when he was about thirty-three years of age. After spending about nine years in this country and having good prospects for the future he returned to his native land and on March 1, 1864, married Miss Martha Edgar, who returned with him to the United States as his bride. Mrs. Davidson died March 2, 1914. The day before her death they had completed fifty years of married companionship.

Mr. Davidson on first coming to Lorain County farmed on the shares and bought his first place in 1868. The land could hardly be considered a farm, since it was almost completely covered by woods and brush, and a less vigorous man would have become discouraged at the prospect of so much hard labor necessary to convert it into a profitable place. He cleared it up, and every year marked an advance in success. In the meantime he erected an attractive home for himself and family and also improved the land with substantial outbuildings.

To Mr. Davidson and wife were born nine children, and the seven still living are: John Edgar, who is a well known farmer and stock buyer at Kipton; Andrew William, also a Lorain County farmer; Joseph Henry, an engineer with the New York Central Lines and with headquarters at Toledo; Frank E., a farmer living at home with his father; Herbert H., a farmer; Lona, wife of C. A. Glass, a traveling salesman with home at Elyria; and James G., at home. Mayme Vera, who died March 13, 1916, was a graduate of the Oberlin High School and was housekeeper for her father, to whom she was greatly devoted.

Mr. Davidson and wife were both reared in the Presbyterian Church in their native land. In politics he has always supported the democratic party.

CHARLES FRANCIS PARK, M. D. For more than forty years Doctor Park has been in the active practice of medicine in Lorain County. His service has been commensurate with the length of years in practice, and among the wide circle of his patients he has been both a friend and a physician. Doctor Park is a man of gentle manner in all his dealings, and this quality, together with an expert knowledge and skill in medicine, combined to win him the strong affections of hundreds of families, particularly in the vicinity of Grafton, where he has had his home for so many years.

He is a native of Massachusetts, born at Chelsea, November 16, 1846, a son of Richard and Sarah Turner (Cushing) Park. His father was a contractor. With his early boyhood spent in Massachusetts and with a public school education, Doctor Park was graduated from high school at an early age and at fifteen came to Elyria, Ohio, where he lived with his maternal uncle, Dr. Charles F. Cushing. In 1868 Doctor Park went to the Northwest and lived along the frontier in Montana and was in the service of the quartermaster's department of the United States Army stationed at Fort Shaw. He enjoyed the exciting and novel life of the Northwest until 1870, and then returning to St. Louis took his first course in the Medical College at St. Louis. He then came to Elyria, Ohio, where he was granted a certificate to practice his profession by the Lorain County Medical Society. He had also read medicine to some extent while living in Montana. Doctor Park paid all the expenses of his higher education, and did his first work at Chatham in Medina County. He practiced there from the spring of 1871 until the fall of 1872, and then entered the Homeopathic Medical College, where he was graduated in the spring of 1873. From that year until 1875 he was associated with his uncle Doctor Cushing in practice at Elyria. In October, 1875, Doctor Park located at LaGrange, Ohio, and remained in active practice there until October, 1888, when he came to Grafton, where he has since resided.

On May 3, 1876, at the home of Dr. C. F. Cushing at Elyria, Doctor Park and Miss Helen Isabelle Gamble of Elyria were united in marriage. Mrs. Park was born at Toronto, Canada, daughter of Robert and Mary A. (Colby) Gamble. Of the five children born to Dr. and Mrs. Park three died in childhood. The two now living are Dr. William Cushing Park, a sketch of whose career is given in following paragraphs, and Olive Park. The daughter is a graduate of the Grafton High School, and later of Baldwin University at Berea. After several years of teaching she continued her studies in the Columbia University at New York City, from which she graduated in June, 1914, and is now engaged in church extension work and physical education in the City of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Charles F. Park has been a lifelong republican though not an office seeker, and has served only in local affairs, spending two years in the Grafton City Council. He is a member of the Knights of Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias, and was at one time examining physician for several life insurance companies. He twelve times represented his local as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He is well known in his profession, and is one of the oldest members of the Lorain County Medical Society.

William Cushing Park, M. D. With a career which has exemplified its thorough usefulness in the field of medicine and surgery, Dr. William C. Park is a worthy successor of his honored father, one of the veteran physicians of Lorain County, and has been in practice at Grafton for the past ten or fifteen years.

He was born in the Village of LaGrange, Lorain County, October 7, 1877, and was eleven years of age when his parents removed in 1888 to Grafton. He was fourteen years of age when he graduated from the Grafton High School in the class of 1892 and was the first to receive a diploma from the high school of that town. He then spent three years in Baldwin University at Berea, and as a practical experience and as a means of paying his way through higher schools he taught for several years in Lorain County. Entering the medical department of Western Reserve University at Cleveland, he continued his studies there four years and during vacations read medicine with Dr. C. H. Cushing of Elyria. He was graduated M. D. in 1902 and at once became associated

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in practice with his father at Grafton, and he now enjoys the largest individual practice of any physician in that part of the county.

On January 14, 1903, Dr. Park married Miss Grace Angie Bruce, of Elyria. She was born in Carlisle Township of Lorain County, daughter of Isaac and Julia (Pangborn) Bruce. Mrs. Park graduated from the high school at Ionia, Michigan. To their marriage have been born two children: Marian B. and Jean Frances.

Dr. Park is a republican and was for five years a member of the Grafton School Board. He has filled all the chairs in the Knights of Pythias Lodge, is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and belongs to the Lorain County Medical Society.

R. Hathaway, M. D. One of the oldest medical practitioners in Lorain County is Dr. R. Hathaway of Wellington, where he has looked after the welfare of his patients and has been both a physician and friend to many of the leading families in that section for a period of nearly forty years. He is held in high esteem, and has performed a service which entitled him to the respect and admiration of his fellow men.

His birth occurred in Sandusky, Ohio, July 21, 1847, and he is of English ancestry, the first of the name having come from England and settled at Deposit, New York. Robert Hathaway, father of Doctor Hathaway, was a native of New York State and in early manhood moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where for thirty years he was in the grocery business. Considering his opportunities, he was a very successful man, and late in life he retired from business and spent his last years with his son, Doctor Hathaway, in Wellington. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Sons of Malta. Robert Hathaway married Sarah Porter, a native of Ohio. They were married in Sandusky. Her father, Thomas Porter, was born in Ireland and was the oldest of fourteen children, not a girl in the entire family. Thomas Porter was an early settler near Sandusky, and followed the occupation of farming.

Doctor Hathaway is the only one living of two children. As a boy he lived in Sandusky, graduated from the high school there, and in 1876 completed the course of the medical college at Cleveland. Soon after finishing his medical course he moved to Wellington, and has been continuously in practice. When he first located there his was almost entirely a country practice, and it was long before the introduction of telephones and automobiles, and he frequently rode horseback over the bottomless roads and in all kinds of weather to attend his patients. It was by such rugged service that he endeared himself to all the older people of that section.

Doctor Hathaway is affiliated with the Masonic Order and in politics is a republican.

In 1875 he married Miss Mollie Gordon of Sandusky. Mrs. Hathaway died leaving three children, and the two now living are: George, who resides in Cleveland; and Roselle, widow of H. M. Horr and living at Wellington. Doctor Hathaway married for his present wife Emily Waite of Ravenna, Ohio. Mrs. Hathaway is a member of the Congregational Church.

Rev. Roswell Chapin. The honored citizen whose name initiates this review was for thirty years actively engaged in effective service as a clergyman of the Congregational Church, and since his retirement from this high calling he has resided upon his fine farm in Russia Township, Lorain County,—a man of broad intellectuality and one whose gracious life and noble services have gained to him impregnable place in the confidence and affectionate esteem of all who have come within

the sphere of his benignant influence. Mr. Chapin is a native son of Ohio and a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of the Buckeye State, both his paternal and maternal ancestors having settled in New England in the early colonial era of our national history.

Mr. Chapin was born on a pioneer farm near the Village of Seville, Medina County, Ohio, and the date of his nativity was October 18, 1844. He is a son of Calvin and Susanna (Stiles) Chapin, the former of whom was born at Enfield, Hartford County, Connecticut, in 1805, and the latter of whom was born near Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, in 1812, their marriage having been solemnized in Ohio in 1831. Calvin Chapin was reared to years of maturity in his native state and received in his youth excellent educational advantages, as indicated by the fact that he became a successful and popular school teacher. In 1830 he came to Ohio and numbered himself among the pioneers of Medina County, where he obtained a tract of heavily timbered land and set to himself the arduous task of reclaiming a farm from the virgin wilderness. He became one of the prosperous farmers of Medina County, where he marked the passing years with large and worthy achievement and where he became a prominent and influential citizen. Through his own ability and well ordered endeavors he accumulated a valuable landed estate of three hundred acres, and he was one of the organizers of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company, of which he served as the second president. He commanded unqualified popular confidence and respect and was called upon to become administrator of numerous estates in his home county. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, with which he united at the time of its organization, and both he and his wife were zealous members of the Presbyterian Church in the Village of Seville, to which place he had removed from his farm about six months prior to his demise, his death having occurred in 1873, and his widow having survived him by a quarter of a century, as she was summoned to the life eternal in 1899, a gracious, kindly woman who had been loved by all who knew her. Mr. Chapin's father, Ebenezer Chapin, passed his entire life in Connecticut, where his vocation was that of farming and where he was a representative of one of the Colonial families of that part of New England, the cradle of much of our national history. The father of Mrs. Susanna (Stiles) Chapin was a native of Massachusetts, and when venerable in years came to Ohio, where he passed the residue of his life with his children. Of the eight children of Calvin and Susanna Chapin only two are now living,—Eben S., who is a retired farmer and well-to-do citizen of Appleton City, St. Clair County, Missouri; and Rev. Roswell Chapin, to whom this sketch is dedicated.

He whose name initiates this article found his childhood compassed by the conditions and influences of the pioneer farm and was signally favored in being reared in a home of distinctive culture and refinement. His early education was acquired in the common schools and in Seville Academy, and in 1870 he was graduated in Oberlin College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In preparation for the work of the ministry he thereafter completed a course in Yale Theological Seminary, at New Haven, Connecticut, in which he was graduated in 1873, and in 1874 was ordained a clergyman of the Congregational Church. For the long period of thirty years Mr. Chapin labored with consecrated zeal and devotion and with distinctive success in the ministry, and he held various pastoral charges in Ohio. One of his early pastorates was at Atwater, Portage County; for four years he was pastor of the church at Lodi, Medina County, and for ten years established in a pastorate at Litchfield, that county; and for one year he held a

charge at North Fairfield, Huron County. Upon his retirement from the active work of the ministry he purchased his present attractive and well improved farm of forty-seven acres, near the City of Oberlin, and he has since given to the same his general supervision. He finds pleasure and satisfaction in his home, his library and in the association with his wide circle of friends in the community.

When the Civil war was precipitated upon the nation Mr. Chapin manifested his patriotism by tendering his services in defense of the Union. May 2, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-six Ohio National Guards, with which he continued in active service until he received his honorable discharge, September 10, 1864. He was sent to Washington, D. C., on guard duty.

The political allegiance of Mr. Chapin is given to the republican party and he and his wife are numbered among the most earnest and valued members of the Second Congregational Church of Oberlin, all of their children except the youngest being likewise active members of the Congregational Church.

On the 25th of June, 1873, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Chapin to Mary Emma Turner, who was born at Oxford, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and who was a girl at the time of the family removal to Seville, Medina County, Ohio, in 1853. She is a daughter of William and Margaret (Riffett) Turner, who were born in Pennsylvania and who were residents of Medina County, Ohio, for many years prior to their death. Mr. and Mrs. Chapin have five children, concerning whom brief record is given, in the concluding paragraph of this article.

Edward A., who is now identified with the telephone business in the city of Cleveland, was graduated in the high school at Medina and in 1899 was graduated in Berea College, at Berea, Kentucky, after which he devoted a number of years to teaching school. John C. likewise was graduated in the Medina High School and in Berea College, and he supplemented this discipline by a course in historic old Harvard University, in which he was graduated. He is now superintendent of the public schools of Glendale, Hamilton County, Ohio. William W. remains at the parental home. Mary T. is head of the department of domestic science in the Ohio State Normal School at Bowling Green. Sidney S. holds the position of assistant purchasing agent for the American Fork & Hoe Company, in the City of Cleveland.

Peter Buchs. A stimulating example of industry has been furnished by Peter Buchs of Henrietta Township. Something more than thirty years ago he came to this country with his parents from Switzerland, was a strong and vigorous youth but without capital and with no knowledge of American language or customs. By honest industry and thrift he has found the way to success and enjoys all the comforts of material prosperity and the esteem paid to a good citizen.

He was born in Switzerland August 4, 1862, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Siegfried) Buchs. His father was born in Switzerland February 28, 1828, and died July 20, 1889. The mother was born in September, 1834, and died some years after her husband. They were married in Switzerland, where the father was a quite successful man, but having lost all his property he brought his family to the United States in 1882 and located in Henrietta Township, living on a small farm there until his death. He and his wife were members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics he was a republican. Of eight children six are still living: Elizabeth, unmarried; Peter; Mrs. Jacob Weidmann, of Lorain County; Jacob, a resident of Henrietta Township; Gottlieb, who lives north of Oberlin; and Rose, who is unmarried and lives in Oberlin.

Peter Buchs acquired his education in Switzerland and was twenty years of age when he came to America. For a time he earned wages by the heaviest work of a quarryman in the stone quarry at Amherst, and in that way got the start which has enabled him to provide not only for his own livelihood but for his family.

In March, 1888, Mr. Buchs married Louisa Weidmann, a member of a well known German family of Lorain County, reference to which is made on other pages of this publication. Of the three children born to their union the two now living are twins, Jacob Leonard and Paulina Marie, both at home. The daughter spent two years in the high school at Oberlin.

Mr. Buchs and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, he is a member of the Grange and in politics is a republican. For one term he served as town trustee.

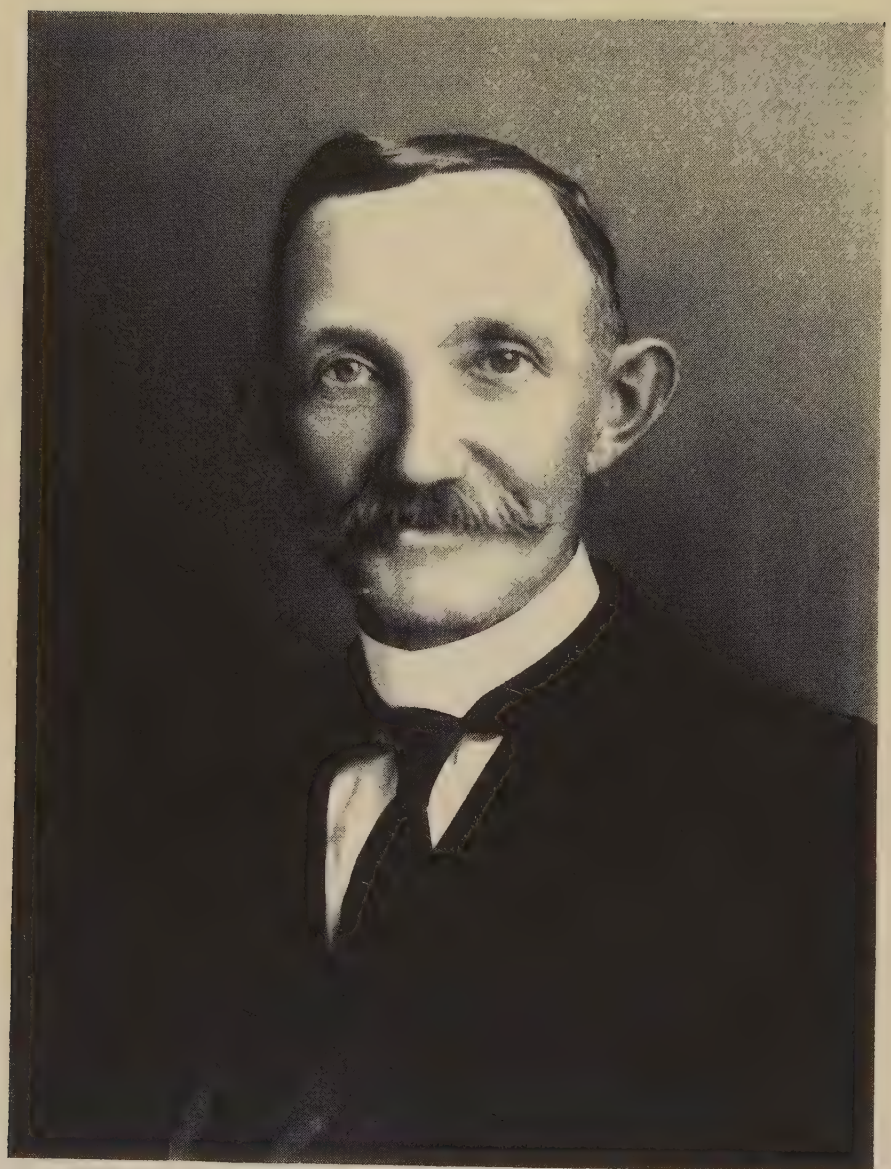
In 1889, the year following his marriage, Mr. Buchs bought a home in Henrietta Township and now has 106 acres of well improved land. His special business is dairying, and he ships large quantities of milk to Cleveland. He also grazes a number of cattle and hogs, has a fine barn, and in many ways has improved his home and land.

JACOB WEIDMANN. Nothing less than hard working industry has brought Jacob Weidmann to a position among the most substantial and prosperous farmers in the Kipton community. As a boy he had only the ordinary advantages of a Lorain County farmer boy, and started life with only his hands and a determination to succeed.

By hard work and economy he had saved $500 before he was twenty-one years of age. Some years later his accumulations amounted to $800 and he then made his first purchase in farming land. Since then he has continued his progress, and now has one of the most productive and valuable farms in his section of the county.

Though born in Germany, December 6, 1860, Jacob Weidmann was brought to America in infancy, and is a thorough American by training and spirit, though he was reared and trained in the German language, which he speaks and reads fluently. His parents were George Henry and Eliza (Smith) Weidmann. The father was born December 20, 1831, and died in 1905, and the mother was born in July, 1827, and died in 1886. They were married in Germany in 1856, and a few years later they emigrated to America and located in Vermilion Township of Lorain County. Subsequently the father bought a farm in Henrietta Township, comprising sixty acres, and lived there until his death. He and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church and in politics he was a democrat. The paternal grandfather was George Weidmann, who died in Germany, and the maternal grandfather, Adam Smith, also died in that country. Of the five children of George H. Weidmann and wife, the four now living are: Mrs. George Dellefield, wife of a well known farmer of Henrietta Township; Mrs. Buchs, wife of a farmer in Henrietta Township; Mrs. John Unger of Henrietta Township; and Jacob.

Jacob Weidmann acquired his early training in the district schools of Lorain County. For fourteen years he worked out as a farm hand, and with the $800 which his thrift enabled him to accumulate he purchased his father's farm. In 1887 he married Miss Katie Buchs, daughter of Peter Buchs. The Buchs family came from Switzerland and settled in Lorain County thirty years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Weidmann, without children of their own, have adopted three: Lillie, now the wife of Carl Krieg, a farmer in Henrietta Township; Eda, wife of Albert Snyder of Henrietta Township; and Twila, who is six years of age. The family attend worship at the Methodist Episcopal Church.



S. E. Wurst

Mr. Weidmann is a member of the Grange and a republican in politics. Besides his general farm industry he furnishes a large quantity of meat to the trade at Oberlin, going with supplies into that town three or four times each week. His farm comprises 168 acres of land, and besides the general crops he raises considerable stock, principally hogs and horses. He built a substantial farm residence, has an excellent farm equipment of buildings and other improvements, and until recently he owned another farm which he had improved with a large barn. One of the most profitable features of his farm is a large apple orchard, and in 1915 he sold a crop of $600 worth of apples. His nephew, Harold Buchs, lives with him and assists in the management of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Weidmann are excellent Christian people, both take an active interest in the church, and have always done their part or more in the philanthropic and benevolent work of their community.

Samuel E. Wurst. Lorain County has been and is signally favored in the class of men who have contributed to its development along commercial and agricultural lines and in the latter connection the subject of this review demands recognition as he has been actively engaged in farming operations and the raising of fancy poultry during the greater part of his active career. He has long been known as a prosperous and enterprising citizen and one whose business methods demonstrate the power of activity and honesty in the business world.

Samuel E. Wurst was born at Brownhelm, Lorain County, Ohio, June 29, 1853, and he is a son of Echhart and Elizabeth (May) Wurst, the former of whom was born at Hesse-Cassel, Germany, where he spent his boyhood and youth and whence he immigrated to the United States in 1849. On arriving in this country Mr. Wurst located first in Rochester, New York, remaining there but a short time and going thence to Brownhelm, Ohio, where he spent one year. He then came to Elyria and located on East River Street on the east side of the city, where he owned two acres of land. He did not live long after arriving in America, however, as he was summoned to the life eternal in 1855. His widow, who survived him for many years, passed away in 1909, at the age of eighty-four years. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wurst, as follows: Henry is a retired merchant in Elyria; Samuel E. is the subject of this sketch; and Mary, who is the wife of John Daney, lives at Elyria, Ohio. They have one son, Norman.

When Samuel E. Wurst was but one year of age his parents located in Elyria and here he attended the common school and also high school for a time. He began business life as a clerk in the grocery store of Hannan & Obitts and remained in their employ for three years. He then bought the publication known as The Poultry Nation, and he conducted that journal with great success for the ensuing six years. In the meantime his brother Henry had purchased the store of Hannan & Obitts, mentioned above, and Mr. Wurst began to work for him, devoting a part of his time to the raising of fancy poultry. He was unusually successful with his poultry and gained a great reputation throughout this section of the state as a chicken fancier. Every fall he would exhibit poultry in the county and state fairs of Ohio and neighboring states. It is interesting to note that he had exhibits at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, at the St. Louis Centennial Exhibition and at the Ohio Centennial Exhibition. So great was his success in this line that he received prize ribbons enough to more than fill two bushel measures and he also received money prizes and other trophies. In May, 1891, he located on his present estate on Lake Avenue, just outside the corporate limits of Elyria. Originally he owned sixty acres in this vicinity

but recently he disposed of ten acres as town lots. On the remaining land he carries on farming and still raises poultry. He also has a herd of seventeen head of registered Jersey cattle. His principal crops are hay, wheat and corn. Every fall he is called upon to act as judge of poultry at various fairs in Ohio and adjoining states. He owns eleven houses on the west side of Elyria, just inside the city limits, and is known as a man of considerable means.

April 20, 1887, Mr. Wurst was united in marriage to Miss Laura Standen, a daughter of George and Keziah (Smith) Standen. Mrs. Wurst was born in Dover, Ohio, August 22, 1861, and she lived on her parents' farm until her thirteenth year. In 1875 the Standen family located in Elyria, where Mr. Standen conducted a bottling works for eleven years. In 1886 he returned to his farm and the bottling works was conducted by his son, for whom Laura kept house until her marriage to Mr. Wurst. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wurst, concerning whom the following data are here inserted: Sherman St. Standen, born February 21, 1888, and a resident of Elyria, married, in 1911, Marie Sippel; Eunice Mabel, born April 19, 1892, died in 1907; and a daughter, born in 1897, died at the age of eleven days. Mr. and Mrs. Wurst are among the best known and most popular residents of Elyria Township, where they are held in high esteem by all who know them. Although fairly well advanced in years they enjoy the best of health. They manifest a warm and intelligent interest in local affairs and do all in their power to advance the prosperity of their community.

John A. Latteman. Still active and vigorous at the age of sixty-three, John A. Latteman has had an unusually active and worthy career. For nearly forty years he employed his energies at the carpenter trade and at the same time has developed a substantial home and farm, and is one of the men in the vicinity of Birmingham whose success is assured beyond all question.

He is a native of Lorain County, having been born in Brownhelm Township July 5, 1853, a son of Adam and Mary (Englebry) Latteman. The father was born October 4, 1827, and died August 26, 1906, and the mother was born September 1, 1829, and died September 27, 1886. Both parents were natives of Germany, and are now deceased. They came to Lorain County in 1851, and were married in Brownhelm Township, where the father bought a farm. After eleven years he left that place and moved to Vermilion Township and afterwards to Henrietta Township. His last place comprised eighty-two acres. Of the seven children six are living: J. A.; Mary, wife of George Dute, a farmer in Russia Township; Conrad, a farmer in Camden Township; Charles, a farmer in Florence Township; Ann, wife of Ira Kiplinger, a Lorain County farmer; Fred, a farmer in Lorain County. The parents were members of the German Reformed Church and the father was a democrat in politics.

John A. Latteman acquired his early education in the public schools of Brownhelm and Henrietta townships. When little more than a boy he acquired a practical knowledge of the carpenter's trade, and followed that as his principal work in the proper seasons of the year for forty years. At the same time he looked after his farming interests which gradually developed. He owns two farms, one of forty-seven acres and another well improved farm of seventy acres.

In 1878 he married Miss Mary Heidrich, daughter of Henry and Christine (Deice) Heidrich. Her parents were also natives of Germany and came to Lorain County and spent the rest of their days on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Latteman have six children: Amelia, wife of W. H. Was-

son, a Henrietta Township farmer; Martha, wife of Fred Berg, of Rush Township; Phillip, who lives near his father on a farm; Albert, who married Etta Hoffner, and is a farmer on the old Latteman homestead; Jennette, at home; and Arthur, who is attending the Oberlin High School.

The family are members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Latteman is a member and takes considerable interest in the work of the Grange and in politics is a democrat. For the past ten years he has been a member of the board of education in his home township, and has also served as a township trustee. While his business is that of general farmer, his son now performs most of the practical work of the farm, operating on the shares, and also operating a small dairy. Mr. Latteman got his start in life through his own exertions. When his father's estate was divided he received the value of about $800, but that was the only important assistance he ever had. A number of years ago he built a beautiful farm home, and has also improved the land by other buildings and equipment and has a splendid place in which to spend his declining years.

GEORGE DELLIFIELD. The career of a man who starts with nothing and attains a definite success is always encouraging and is worthy of some permanent record in the annals of his home county. Such a case is illustrated by George Dellifield, who by self reliance and industry has found prosperity and owns one of the fine farms in the vicinity of Kipton.

Mr. Dellifield was born in Amherst Township of Lorain County March 9, 1860, a son of John and Anna (Neiding) Dellifield. Both parents were natives of Germany. The father was born in that country October 25, 1825, and was the son of Henry Dellifield, who was a veterinary surgeon. John Dellifield came to America when a young man and was married in Lorain County to Miss Neiding, who was born in Germany in 1836. She died in 1866, and the father survived until February 6, 1893. Of their four children two are living, and Mr. Dellifield's sister is Mrs. Leimbach, wife of a farmer at Clarksfield, Huron County. The parents were both members of the German Reformed Church and in politics the father was a democrat. By trade he was a shoemaker and was employed in that line at North Amherst for some years, but subsequently bought a small farm and resided there until his death.

George Dellifield grew up in Lorain County, attended the common schools, and was twenty-seven years of age when he was married, on December 8, 1887, to Emma Weidmann. The Weidmanns are a well known family of Lorain County and further information will be found concerning them under the name Jacob Weidmann on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Dellifield have three children: Bertha, wife of P. H. Latteman, a farmer in this county; Martha and Louis, both at home. The family attend worship at the German Reformed Church and all of them, both parents and children, are members of the Grange.

Mr. Dellifield as a democrat in politics has served on the school board and has been trustee of his township for four years and was re-elected for a third term in 1915.

As a young man he started his independent career as a farmer on his father's place and also worked out at day and monthly wages for other people. He continued in that way until he married, and then bought his present farm paying only a small amount down and assuming a heavy obligation for the future. He and his wife co-operated in their thrifty management and eventually cleared off all debts and they now

enjoy a fine farm of 143 acres. Mr. Dellifield has from time to time installed some improvements which have brought his farm up to the best standards of Lorain County agriculture. He carries on general farming, also operating a small dairy. Numerous improvements and repairs have gone into his residence, and he recently completed a large barn and silo.

THOMAS B. BENNINGTON. Since he was born January 31, 1837, in a log house standing in the midst of the woods in Eaton Township in Lorain County, Thomas B. Bennington has been a witness of many remarkable transformations and changes in this section of Ohio. He is regarded as one of the largest land owners and most prosperous citizens of the county, and a number of years ago retired from active farming and has since made his home on South Main Street in Grafton.

At the time of his birth Lorain County did not have a single railroad, nor was there a mile of railroad line in the entire State of Ohio. It was the era of canal building, and practically all traffic was either overland or by lakes and canals. In his boyhood he many times helped to thresh out the grain with an old fashioned flail or by treading it out with horses on the barn floor. In such an environment and under such sturdy discipline as was afforded him he grew up strong and vigorous, and much of his success can be traced to the fact that along with constant industry he possessed the ability of doing more real work in a day than most men could accomplish in two days. He is still strong and vigorous both in mind and body, in spite of his nearly eighty years, and much of his health is no doubt due to the fact that he never contracted any bad habits, never used tobacco nor intoxicating liquors in any form, and there is an interesting piece of evidence as to his personal integrity and his fair dealing in that he was never sued at law throughout the many years he has had varied and extensive business transactions.

Both his parents, Thomas and Jane (Webster) Bennington, were born in Yorkshire, England, where they were reared and married as country people. Thomas Bennington came to America before his marriage, and for about one year lived at Cleveland or that vicinity, finding whatever employment he could. He then returned to his native country, married, and brought his bride to America and settled in the comparatively new country of Northern Ohio. From Cleveland they moved to Vermilion, where they had a farm, but in 1836 he came to Eaton Township in Lorain County and acquired 108 acres from the Government. This land was covered with heavy timber, and on a small clearing he put up the log cabin in which Thomas B. Bennington first saw the light of day. The elder Bennington was also characterized by remarkable vigor and industry, and besides clearing up the first tract of land he added to it until his estate comprised about two hundred and fifty acres. He also made some excellent improvements, and that old homestead is now part of his son, Thomas Bennington's possession. The father was about sixty-six years of age when he died, and is buried in the cemetery at Butternut Ridge. After acquiring American citizenship he voted as a democrat, and filled such local offices as township trustee and school director. In his family were ten children, three sons and seven daughters, but Thomas B. was the only son to reach maturity and he is the only survivor of all the children.

When he was a boy he attended one of the country schools then so typical in this section of the Middle West. It was held in a log building, and he sat on a bench made of a split slab supported from the floor by wooden pins. Across one side of the room was a broad fireplace, and the larger boys rustled the wood used as fuel during the winter season.

A. A. Bennington

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The curriculum was confined to the three R's and as soon as a boy's services were needed at home he had little opportunity to attend school, except two or three months each winter. At the age of fifteen Mr. Bennington entered a select school at Grafton, and the two terms he attended, walking each night and morning three miles across swamps and through the woods to complete his education.

On December 24, 1869, he married in Wakeman, Huron County, Miss Atalanta Peck, who died on the 6th of April, 1916. She was born on her father's farm in Wakeman Township, September 18, 1839, a daughter of Henry Tuttle and Abigail (Haskins) Peck. Her father was born in Vermont and her mother in Massachusetts but both had come as young people with their respective parents to Ohio and located in Wakeman Township. Mrs. Bennington acquired a common school education in very much the same kind of institutions as Mr. Bennington attended.

Before his marriage Mr. Bennington had bought a tract of land in Eaton Township and was already fairly started in that career which he has pursued with such handsome results. He owned two farms, making his home on the one adjoining his father's place. From time to time he has added to his farm holdings, and after his father's death he bought out the interests of the other heirs. His landed possessions now include about thirteen hundred acres in Lorain County and his last investment was made in 1915 when he bought 171 acres in Erie County, Pennsylvania.

As a citizen he has always been generous and public spirited. In 1912 he donated a piece of land at the corner of South Main and Vine streets in Oberlin for park purposes and that is now being developed and will always be known as Bennington Park. He also owns sixteen or seventeen residence properties in Elyria and is also owner of the Elyria Cement and Coal Yards, and he has several business buildings in Grafton. In 1895 he built his attractive home in Grafton, and in that year moved his family from the farm to the village.

His only son Edward died when about fourteen years of age. Though the son of a democrat, Mr. Bennington became a republican in time to cast his first ballot for Lincoln in 1860 and has never wavered from that early choice of political party. His public service has been that of a thoroughly loyal and disinterested citizen, and he has filled such offices as school director and trustee of Eaton Township and was president of the Board of Education in Grafton for several terms. He has especially favored good schools and has done all he could to promote the cause of public education.

JOHN D. BORN. Something over twenty years ago John D. Born came to America, a poor emigrant German youth, and since then his activities have been identified with Lorain County. He was almost unknown and practically penniless when he came to Lorain County and he deserves much credit for the way in which he has utilized his opportunities and has made opportunities for himself. He is now one of the leading farmers and most prosperous citizens of Henrietta Township.

Born in Germany April 2, 1876, he is a son of Daniel and Dorothy (Zuck) Born. His parents spent all their lives in Germany, where his father was a farmer. The father was born in 1827 and died in 1890 and the mother was born in 1828 and died in 1914. Of their eight children four are still living: John, a farmer and wagon maker in Germany; Alexander, who is a prosperous farmer in Iowa; John D.; and Mrs. Catherine Pippin, wife of a farmer and living in Germany. The parents were members of the German Lutheran Church. Grandfather John Born was a farmer and a government employe and an

architect of buildings. The father was a man of considerable influence in his home locality in the Province of Hesse, Nassau.

John D. Born acquired a common school education in Germany and also attended school for two years after coming to Lorain County. It was in 1892 at the age of sixteen that he came to this country with his brother, and he soon found work for his hands as a farm laborer. Four years later he engaged in the meat and butcher business and for some time peddled meat through the country and in the City of Oberlin. For two years he was in the wholesale meat business at Lorain and for two years in the retail meat business at Amherst. Coming then to Henrietta Township Mr. Born spent two years assisting Jacob Weidmann in the management of his farm, and he recently bought a farm of seventy-five acres from Mr. Weidmann. He is associated in business with Mr. Weidmann as butcher, and he also operates the Hale farm on the shares. In addition to general farming he raises considerable stock and has several fullblood Holstein cattle.

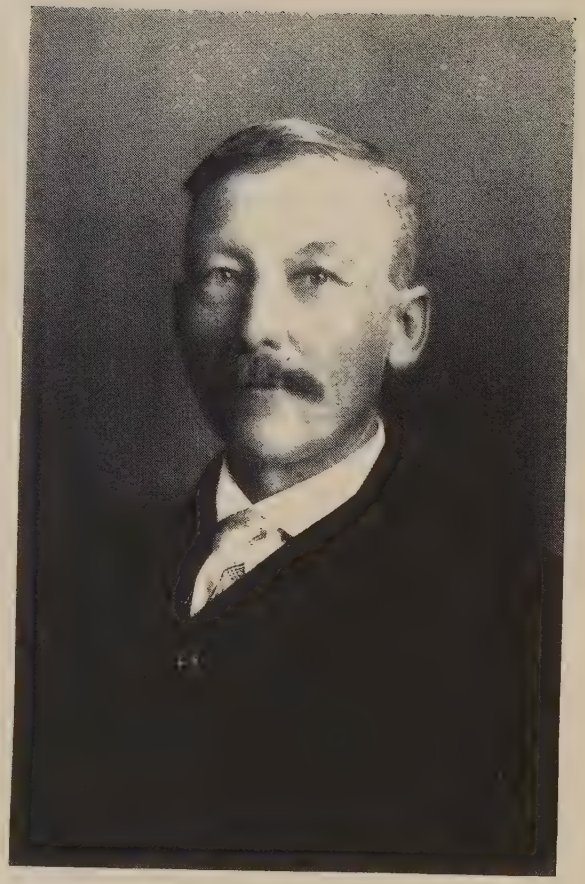
On April 11, 1907, Mr. Born married Miss Louise Bechstein. She was born at Amherst, Ohio, a daughter of John Bechstein, a native of Germany, and an old settler in Lorain County. Mr. and Mrs. Born's four children are Harvey, aged eight, Arthur, aged six, Howard, aged four, and Dorothy, aged two. The family are members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church and he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Grange. In politics he is a republican, and in the fall of 1914 was elected township assessor. Thus he enjoys not only a substantial prosperity but also the confidence and esteem of his entire community.

Frank Joseph King. Few men have had more to do with the civic government of Lorain than has Frank Joseph King, a resident of this city for forty years, and during a large part of that time the incumbent of one or another public positions of importance. He started his life with no advantages save those of the public school, but was ambitious and persevering, educated himself in the higher branches and finally entered business, after which he established a record that should prove worthy of emulation by the younger generation.

Mr. King was born in Lorain County, Ohio, July 19, 1843, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Simmonds) King, natives of England. His father, a salt water sailor in his youth, left the sea at the age of twenty-five years and came to the United States, settling finally in Avon Township, Lorain County, where the remaining years of his life were devoted to the pursuits of agriculture. He died in 1857, at the age of fifty-one years, while Mrs. King survived him for a long period and passed away at the home of her son at Lorain, in 1890, aged seventy-seven years.

Frank Joseph King passed his boyhood on the home farm and eagerly accepted such opportunities in the way of education as were offered by the country school in Avon Township, but was not satisfied with this learning and decided to gain a more thorough training. Securing a teacher's certificate, for eight years he taught in the district schools during the winter months while working as a farmer in the summer seasons, and thus gained the means wherewith to attend college. In 1876 Mr. King came to Lorain, where he established himself in business as the proprietor of a modest grocery venture, an enterprise which during the sixteen years of its life grew to large and important proportions.

Mr. King's connection with public affairs began in 1900, when he was appointed by the Lorain City Council a member of the Real Estate



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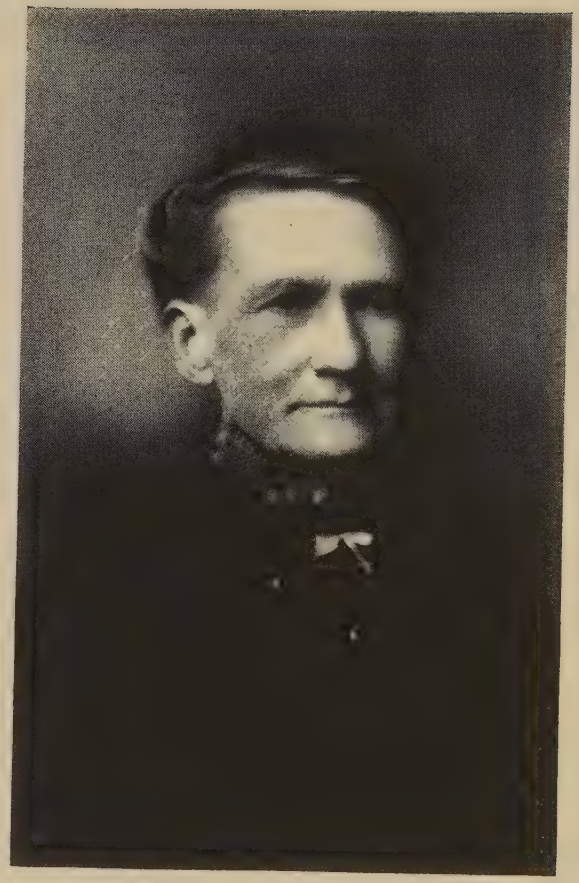

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Equalization Board, having had some experience in the realty line. Later he was made an appraiser on the real estate commission. His services as a member of these bodies brought him favorably before the public, and in 1902 he was elected mayor of Lorain, subsequently succeeding himself two terms of two years each. He met defeat in the next campaign, owing to political conditions, but in 1909 was again elected and served until 1912. At the present writing Mr. King is again a candidate for the mayoralty. He has always been a friend of education, and has served three terms as a member of the board of education, once by appointment and twice by election. His entire public service is one marked by faithful and efficient discharge of duty and of constant endeavor to contribute to his city's welfare and advancement.

On October 9, 1879, Mr. King was married to Miss Ellen Lee Conklin, of Connecticut, and to this union there has been born one daughter: Mary Elizabeth, born in November, 1880, at Lorain, married in February, 1900, Rev. Francis W. Crowe, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Reverend and Mrs. Crowe have one daughter, Margaret Ellen, born June 19, 1906.

Louis Zimmerman. A farmer and dairyman whose enterprise has been a useful factor in Lorain County's development for many years, Louis Zimmerman has his home in Grafton Township. While an unfortunate illness handicapped him in the matter of an education when he was a boy, he has made use of his opportunities in life beyond the average man and has acquired that material prosperity as well as the esteem of his fellow citizens which are among the best rewards of existence.

He was born in the City of Cleveland, May 8, 1856, a son of Frederick and Hannah (Hahn) Zimmerman. Both parents were born, reared and married in Germany and soon after their marriage they emigrated to America, being two months in making the passage on a sailing vessel, a severe storm having dismasted the vessel and having greatly delayed the progress. For a few years the parents lived in Cleveland, where Frederick Zimmerman, who came to this country with a very thorough training such as is given to young men in Germany preparing for a trade, worked as a carpenter and while there he built himself a house. When Louis Zimmerman was three years of age his father traded the house toward the purchase of a farm of seventy acres near Oberlin. While living on that farm a daughter Carrie was born, who is now the wife of E. M. Sheldon and lives in Carlisle Township and is the mother of five children. On the farm near Oberlin the father placed many improvements during his residence there of fourteen years and then sold out and returned to Cleveland. A year later he bought a farm of sixty-five acres in LaGrange Township of Lorain County. He was a worthy and upright citizen and lived to be about ninety years of age.

Thus until he was about seventeen years of age Louis Zimmerman lived on the home place near Oberlin. He had the advantages of the common schools, and the plans made for him contemplated his further education in Oberlin Academy and College. As these could not be carried out because of an unfortunate illness which kept him at home and as a result of which he partially lost his hearing, after regaining his strength he quickly adapted himself to the vocation of a farmer and after reaching manhood he continued to live with his father and finally bought eighty acres known as the Golden farm.

At the age of twenty-eight, on March 4, 1885, Mr. Zimmerman married Lois A. Clark. She was born on a farm in LaGrange Township,

a daughter of Major E. and Mary C. (Bailey) Clark. Her father was of Scotch ancestry, a native of Vermont and lived to be about ninety-two years of age. After reaching manhood he came to Ohio and was married in LaGrange Township. Subsequently he enlisted and served during the Civil war in the One Hundred and Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was severely wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and that ended his field service, and afterwards he was detailed to assist in the army hospitals until the close of his term of enlistment. Mrs. Zimmerman was the youngest of three children. Her brother James died unmarried and her brother Joseph W., who was a railway man and killed while on duty, married Sarah Obetts and left two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman continued to live in LaGrange Township until 1910, when they moved to their present fine home of 150 acres, formerly known as the Fowler farm. This is one of the high class farms of Lorain County and Mr. Zimmerman has improved it in many ways, carries on general farm husbandry and makes a specialty of dairying.

He and his wife have two children. Edna Veve, after graduating from the Grafton High School, entered Baldwin University at Berea, from which she graduated and then taught five years, three years as principal of the high school at Grafton. In October, 1915, she entered Leland Powers School of Expression at Boston, Massachusetts, and is continuing a student of a special course. Lloyd C. Zimmerman, the son, is now about eighteen years of age and has completed his education in the local schools. Mr. Zimmerman and son are both members of the Grange and in politics he is an independent republican, without aspirations for office. He and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Zimmerman is a member of the Ladies of the Maccabees.

Charles R. Kelly. Gratifying to record is the success that has been won through individual effort and ability, and such achievement has been that of Mr. Kelly, the results of whose well ordered endeavors are represented in his fine homestead farm in Russia Township, about one mile distant from the City of Oberlin. Special interest pertains to his career by reason of the fact that he is a native of Lorain County and a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of this county.

Mr. Kelly was born in Henrietta Township, Lorain County, Ohio, on the 4th of May, 1851, and is the only child of Albert and Elizabeth (Eldridge) Kelly, whose marriage was solemnized in this county, though both were natives of the State of Vermont. Albert Kelly was born in the old Green Mountain State, in the year 1818, and was a boy at the time of the family removal to Ohio, where his father, Richard Kelly, became one of the pioneer farmers of Lorain County, success having attended his well ordered labors and his having been a place of prominence and influence in community affairs. Albert Kelly was reared to manhood in this county, where his early educational advantages were those afforded in the pioneer schools, and where his entire active career was one of close and effective association with the basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing. He continued to be one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Lorain County until his death, which occurred in 1890, and his wife survived him by a number of years. His political support was given to the republican party and he took a lively interest in all that concerned the progress and wellbeing of the county in which nearly his entire life was passed.

Charles R. Kelly found the period of his childhood compassed by the influences of the home farm and he is indebted to the district schools of Henrietta Township for his early educational discipline, which has been effectively supplemented by the lessons gained in the practical school of

experience. At the age of thirteen years he found employment in a neighboring stone quarry, and from the position of derrick attendant he won advancement to that of foreman, of which latter he continued the valued incumbent for a number of years. For six years thereafter he was engaged in the general merchandise business in the Village of Amherst, this county, and after leaving the store opened a quarry for Marshall Sherben in Henrietta Township, and was foreman of this enterprise four years. He then purchased and established his home on his present farm in Russia Township, the same comprising sixty-two acres. He is the owner also of fifty acres in another section of Russia Township, and his farm property is notable for its evidences of thrift and prosperity, his beautiful residence having been erected by him and being one of the fine rural homes of the county, the while its attractions and advantages are enhanced by reason of its being situated only one mile distant from the beautiful little City of Oberlin, which is his post-office address. In addition to giving his attention to diversified agriculture Mr. Kelly has developed a splendid dairy business on his farm, with a select herd of high-grade milch cows. From his land he receives large yields of wheat, oats and corn, and in the season of 1915 he obtained from five acres the noteworthy product of 702 bushels of corn. Mr. Kelly is loyal and public-spirited in his civic attitude and while he has had no desire for political preferment he accords unqualified allegiance to the republican party. Both he and his wife hold membership in the First Congregational Church at Oberlin.

In the year 1872 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kelly to Miss Mary Curtis, who was born in Erie County, Ohio, and who is a daughter of the late Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Mercer) Curtis, who were early settlers of that county, to which they removed from their native State of Vermont, Mr. Curtis having been for a number of years foreman of one of the prominent iron furnaces in Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have two children: Mott Richard, who is a skilled horse trainer, with residence and business headquarters in the City of Oberlin; and Mae Luella, who is a successful and popular instructor in the physical culture department of Oberlin College, in which institution she was graduated as a member of the class of 1913.

Charles J. Hasenflue. He whose name introduces this review has so directed his energies as to attain secure prestige as one of the representative agriculturists of Lorain County, and his well improved farm is one of the model homesteads of Russia Township. Aside from his status as a progressive and honored citizen further interest attaches to his career by reason of his being a native son of the Buckeye State, his loyalty and allegiance to which have never faltered.

Mr. Hasenflue was born in Erie County, Ohio, on the 19th of July, 1863, and is a son of Henry and Emma (Roth) Hasenflue, both natives of Germany, where the former was born in 1841 and the latter in 1833, her death having occurred in June, 1915. Henry Hasenflue was reared and educated in his German fatherland and as a young man he served the home tie and set forth to seek his fortunes in America. He came to Ohio and established his home in Erie County, where his marriage was solemnized and where he engaged in the conducting of a meat market in the village of Vermilion. He had learned the butcher's trade in his native land and continued in business at Vermilion until 1869, when he removed with his family to Blissfield, Lenawee County, Michigan, where he engaged in the same line of enterprise and gained substantial success. He has lived retired from active business since 1893 and maintains his home at Blissfield. He celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday

anniversary in 1915 and his earnest and upright character has won to him the confidence of those with whom he has come in contact during the years of a signally long and useful life. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his devoted wife, and he has never faltered in his allegiance to the principles of the democratic party. Of the four children three are living: Eliza is the wife of George Fix and they maintain their home in the City of Cleveland; Charles J., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Frederick, who resides at Vermilion, Erie County, has been identified with navigation interests on the Great Lakes for many years, and is now captain of a vessel engaged in the fishing business.

Charles J. Hasenflue gained his rudimentary education in the village schools of Vermilion, Erie County, and later attended the district schools. When but eleven years of age he began his independent career and assisted in the support of the other members of the family, his life having been marked by consecutive and well directed industry and his being the worthy honor of being one of the world's productive workers, the while his success represents the direct result of his own efforts along normal lines of enterprise. He has been identified with agricultural pursuits since early youth and is now one of the progressive farmers and stock-growers of Lorain County, where he has owned and operated his present farm, of ninety acres, since 1894. He has brought the farm up to the highest standard in all respects and gives his attention to diversified agriculture and stock-growing, the while he is known as one of the vigorous, progressive and substantial exponents of these lines of enterprise in Lorain County and as a citizen imbued with marked civic loyalty and public spirit. On his farm he erected, in 1905, his present attractive and modern residence, and all other of the excellent buildings on the place likewise stand in evidence of his progressiveness and enterprise. He is a staunch advocate of the cause of the democratic party and though he has not been imbued with aught of ambition for public office he served many years and with marked efficiency as a member of the school board of Russia Township. He is one of the appreciative and valued members of the Russia Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and has been active and influential in its affairs.

On the 19th of December, 1883, Mr. Hasenflue wedded Miss Minerva Fowl, who was born and reared in Lorain County and who is a representative of sterling pioneer families of this section of the Buckeye State. She is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Lapp) Fowl, both natives of Ohio and of German ancestry. John Henry Lapp, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hasenflue, was one of the early settlers of Lorain County, and when he arrived within its borders his cash capital was reduced to the portentous minimum of 5 cents. He settled on a small farm and while giving his attention to its reclamation he provided for the needs of his family by working at his trade, that of tailor, in Cleveland and other places in which he could find demand for his services. On one occasion his wife went on foot to Cleveland to carry his washing to him, and she made the return trip to the home in Lorain County in the same way, thus traversing a total distance of thirty-three miles. Mr. and Mrs. Hasenflue have two children: Robert, who married Elizabeth Smith, and they have one child, Nelson C.; Frank married Christina Smith, a sister of his brother's wife, but they have no children.

Commodore W. R. Huntington. For fifty years or more the name Huntington has been prominent in connection with the industrial, oil and gas development and marine interests of Northern Ohio, particularly

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in Cleveland and in Elyria, where Commodore W. R. Huntington has his home. Commodore Huntington is a son of the late John Huntington, who was one of a group of Cleveland capitalists in the early days of the petroleum development. Commodore Huntington has long been a factor in business affairs not only in Lorain County but in other cities, and is especially well known in the world of sports as a yachtsman.

He was born September 3, 1857, a son of John and Jane Huntington, who were natives of Preston, Lancashire, England. John Huntington came to America in 1853. By trade he was a roofer and was one of the pioneers in the slate and gravel roofing industry. He was also one of the organizers with John D. Rockefeller and others of the Standard Oil Company and became very prominent and influential in civic matters and financial affairs. He died in London, England, in 1893, at the age of sixty-one. His wife passed away in 1882 at the age of fifty-one. Five of their children lived to maturity, namely: Hannah B., who married A. C. Hord and lives in Cleveland; William R.; Margaret J., wife of Francis Perry Smith of Cleveland; Matilda, wife of Edward A. Merritt, of Cleveland; Arthur G., who was a graduate of Yale University with the class of 1889, was killed when about twenty-five years of age by being run down by a locomotive at North Amherst, where he was assistant superintendent of the Cleveland Stone Company. John Huntington, the father of these children, was a republican in politics and for fourteen years served as a member of the city council of Cleveland. Among other financial connections he was one of the chief stockholders in the Cleveland Stone Company and was also financially interested in lake marine affairs. He belonged to all the bodied Masonry, including the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite, and was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His family were members of the Episcopal Church.

Commodore Huntington grew up in Cleveland, attended the public schools of that city and the Cleveland Spencerian Business College. His first work after leaving school was in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio as a prospector and contracting driller. His operations in this line were partly independent and partly in connection with his father's extensive holdings. At that time he was a very young man, and after his experience in the oil fields from 1875 to 1878 he was appointed deputy county treasurer of Cuyahoga County, an office he filled until February 1, 1882. In February, 1882, he entered the firm of McIntosh, Good and Huntington, one of the leading hardware establishments in the City of Cleveland. He was one of the active men in the direction of this concern until 1891, when he retired.

Commodore Huntington has extensive real estate interests both in Ohio and in Florida, and is financially connected with several business enterprises, including the Elyria Telephone Company of which he is a director.

As a yachtsman he has been prominent on the Great Lakes for a number of years. He owns one of the swiftest yachts on Lake Erie, and has been owner of several of the noted boats which at various times and in contests with the finest pliers on the lake waters have captured a number of silver cups and other trophies. Besides yachting he is also fond of hunting and fishing. He is a member of the Cleveland Yacht Club, Sandusky Yacht Club, of which he was commodore ten years, of the Toledo Yacht Club, Maumee River Yacht Club, and the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club, of which he has been commodore for the past four years. He was also commodore of the Inter-State Yachting Association in 1901 and again in 1912. He also belongs to the Cleveland Athletic and Union clubs, the Cleveland Gun Club, the Ottawa Shooting Club, and is a life

member of the Masonic fraternity, having attained the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite, and is also a life member of Holywood Commandery No. 32, Knights Templar, and Al Koran Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past exalted ruler of Elyria Lodge Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, the Knights of Pythias, the United Commercial Travelers, and is a member and was one of the founders of the Elyria Country Club.

In January, 1884, Commodore Huntington married Miss Mary E. Baldwin, a granddaughter of the late Judge Horace Foote, of Cleveland, and a daughter of Jonas C. and Ann Eliza (Foote) Baldwin. Commodore Huntington has a daughter, Lillian Elizabeth, now the wife of Edward E. Bishop of Elyria. Mrs. Bishop, like her father, is an enthusiastic yachtswoman and is probably the most skillful woman navigator on the Great Lakes.

Commodore Huntington, during the administrations of Governors Asa S. Bushnell, James E. Campbell and William McKinley served as game commissioner of Ohio for six years.

Henry Hacker. Even as the kindly earth and its natural resources must ever figure as the basis of all human prosperity, even so the able and enterprising representatives of the basic industry of agriculture must always play an important part in connection with the presentation of the productive activities of every community, for back to the land must the great metropolitan centers revert for the very necessities of life. It is always pleasing to find a locality in which the dignity and precedence of agriculture are maintained at a high standard and Lorain County is remarkably favored in the personnel of its leading exponents of this great fundamental art, and one of the substantial farmers and progressive citizens who can claim the farther distinction of being native sons of Lorain County is he whose name initiates this paragraph and whose well improved farmstead is eligibly situated in Russia Township, two miles northwest of the City of Oberlin.

Mr. Hacker was born in Russia Township, this county, on the 24th of May, 1878, and is a son of Henry and Sophia (Kruse) Hacker, both natives of Germany, where the former was born in 1824 and the latter in 1834, their marriage having been solemnized in 1854, after each had become a resident of Lorain County, Ohio, where they passed the residue of their long and earnest lives, secure in the high regard of all who knew them. Mr. Hacker was called to eternal rest in 1910 and his loved wife passed away in the following year, both having been zealous communicants of the Evangelical Church.

Henry Hacker, Sr., came to the United States as a youth and while he had no financial resources he was amply endowed with energy, self-reliance and a determination to make his way to the goal of independence and prosperity. For nine years after he came to America he was employed as a farm worker, and by the careful saving of his earnings and the gaining of high reputation for industry and sterling character, he was finally enabled to purchase a little farm of thirty acres in Lorain County, which became the stage of his first independent operations as one of the enterprising agriculturists of the county. With increasing prosperity, he eventually purchased another and larger farm, and at the time of his death he was the owner of one of the well improved and valuable places of the county, the same having comprised 100 acres of fertile land which he had brought to a high state of productiveness. He was deeply appreciative of the county in which he had thus found opportunity for the winning of worthy success and was always ready

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to lend his support to progressive measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community, his political allegiance having been given to the republican party. Of his six children all but one are living, the eldest being John, who is one of the prosperous farmers of Brighton Township, this county; Frank is a skilled machinist and as such is employed in the City of Elyria, judicial center of his native county; Polly is the wife of Henry Horning, another of the successful farmers of this county; Eliza is the wife of Louis Behnke, a substantial farmer of Amherst Township; and Henry, Jr., of this review, is the youngest of the number.

Henry Hacker, Jr., passed the period of his boyhood and youth on the homestead farm of his father and early began to contribute his quota to its work, the while he expanded his mental ken by availing himself effectually of the advantages afforded in the public schools of his native township. He has never severed his allegiance to agriculture and his independent operations have been successfully carried forward on his present fine farm of 125 acres, which he purchased when he was about thirty years of age. He has not been content merely to follow along in the beaten path but has brought to bear much discrimination in utilizing scientific methods and progressive policies in the work and management of his farm, besides which he has made excellent improvements, including the remodeling of his house and the erection of a large and well equipped barn and minor farm buildings. He has two large silos and other modern accessories for the facilitating of the work of the farm, and in addition to his diversified operations as an agriculturist he has been very successful in the raising of high-grade live stock, his dairy herd of more than twenty cows proving one of the valuable adjuncts to his farm. He is a republican in his political proclivities and though emphatically progressive and public spirited in his civic attitude he has not been diverted from his course by any ambition for political prominence or public office. He is one of the appreciative and popular members of the local Grange and takes a lively interest in its affairs, as does also his wife, who has been his able helpmeet and coadjutor in his earnest activities as a farmer and stock-grower.

In 1903 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hacker to Miss Mary M. Lauer, a daughter of Martin Lauer, who was born and reared in Germany and who has been for many years one of the substantial agriculturists and representative citizen of Carlisle Township, Lorain County, where he is the owner of a valuable landed estate of more than 200 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Hacker have three children: Florence, Martin and Evangeline, and the two older children are attending the local schools.

Albert Thomas Grills, M. D. In the ten years of his work as a physician and surgeon in Lorain County, Doctor Grills has enjoyed many of the better distinctions and successes of professional activity. While representing the new and modern methods and learning in the science of medicine, Doctor Grills also has that fine character and conscientious devotion to duty which were so signally exemplified in the old time practitioner and family doctor.

His youth and early manhood were spent in Lorain County, though he was born in Ashawa, Canada, June 9, 1877. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Grant) Grills, natives of England, came from Canada to Ohio in 1882, and established their home on a farm in Carlisle Township of Lorain County, where they continued to reside until 1915, in which year they moved to Lorain and are now making their home with their son, Doctor Grills. The father and mother are now old people, and for many years have been worthy and esteemed citizens of the county.

The first seventeen years of his life Doctor Grills spent on the old homestead, and has much of the strength and vigor which are a product of rural environment. He attended the district schools, went to school in Elyria, and in 1900 graduated from high school. He soon afterwards entered the Western Reserve Medical College in Cleveland, where he was graduated M. D. in 1904. The following two years were spent as resident physician at the Charity Hospital in Cleveland.

Doctor Grills' professional work has been in the City of Lorain. During the first year and a half of his residence there he was resident physician in St. Joseph's Hospital, and is still a member of the hospital staff, and also has served as medical director of the Devonian Mineral Spring Company of Lorain. His private practice makes very extensive demands on all his time and energy and he is regarded as one of the leaders in Lorain County's medical circles today.

He is a member of the Lorain County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also active in the Lorain Chamber of Commerce. A prominent Mason, he has affiliations with Lorain Lodge No. 552, Free & Accepted Masons; Mystic Chapter No. 170, Royal Arch Masons; Lorain Council, Royal & Select Masters; Lorain Commandery No. 65, Knights Templar; and Lake Erie Consistory of the thirty-second degree and Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of Lorain Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In July, 1905, Doctor Grills married Miss Olive A. Mahany, of Cleveland. Mrs. Grills, who before her marriage was a trained nurse, passed away October 5, 1915.

George A. Hahn. The great Empire of Germany early gave valuable contribution to the civic makeup of Lorain County, and he whose name initiates this article is a scion of sterling pioneer families of this county, where both his paternal and maternal grandfathers settled at a time when this section of the Buckeye State was little more than a semi-wilderness. As a scion of the third generation of the Hahn family in Lorain County George A. Hahn is well upholding the prestige of the name which he bears and is known as one of the progressive farmers and loyal and public-spirited citizens of this beautiful and opulent section of his native state.

Mr. Hahn was born on the homestead farm of his parents, in Black River Township, Lorain County, on the 13th of April, 1873, and is a son of Charles and Catherine (Baumhardt) Hahn, both likewise natives of Lorain County, where the former was born on the 10th of June, 1847, and the latter on the 17th of March, 1851. The parents of Mr. Hahn were reared and educated in this county, where they still maintain their residence on their fine landed estate, and of their children six are living: Louis E. is one of the prosperous farmers of Erie County; George A., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Martha A. is the wife of Charles Schibley, a farmer in Elyria Township; Minnie K. is the wife of Arthur Wangerien, a farmer of this county; Bertha E. is the wife of Henry Smithkons, another representative agriculturist of the county, as is also Walter Holstein, husband of Amelia, the youngest daughter.

Charles Hahn and his wife are zealous members of the Evangelical Church and in politics he is found aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party. He is serving, in 1915-16, as trustee of Black River Township, and is one of the prominent and influential citizens of that part of the county, where he is the owner of a well

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improved and valuable landed estate of 390 acres, the same being recognized as one of the best farms in the county. Charles Hahn is a son of George and Elizabeth (Pretz) Hahn, both natives of Germany, where the former was born in 1822 and the latter in 1821. George Hahn came to the United States in 1838 and became one of the first settlers in Lorain County, Ohio, where he reclaimed a farm from the wilderness and where he gained prosperity and independence through his well ordered labors. He had virtually no financial resources when he came to this county as a youth, and at the time of his death he was the owner of one of the large and valuable estates of this section of Ohio. Adam Baumhardt, maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, likewise came from Germany and numbered himself among the early pioneer settlers of Lorain County, where he became a substantial farmer and where he continued to reside until his death. It will thus be seen that both the Hahn and Baumhardt families have contributed much toward the development and progress of Lorain County along both civic and industrial lines, and the names of both merit enduring place in the recorded history of this now opulent section of the Buckeye State.

George A. Hahn found the period of his childhood and youth compassed by the invigorating and benignant influences and discipline of the home farm, and in the meanwhile he did not fail to profit fully by the advantages afforded in the public schools of his native township, besides which he completed a four months' course in the commercial college at Oberlin. He continued to be associated with the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to the age of twenty-four years, and he initiated his independent enterprise as a farmer on a tract of 126 acres presented to him by his father. With characteristic energy and good judgment he bent his energies to the development and improving of his farm, which he made a valuable property. In 1906 he purchased his present fine landed estate of 234 acres, situated in Russia Township, 3½ miles distant from the City of Oberlin. Here he has found ample scope for his progressive and specially successful operations as an agriculturist and stock-grower, and his homestead is one of the valuable and admirably improved landed estates of his native county. Mr. Hahn is a vigorous and public-spirited representative of the agricultural interests of the county, is always ready to give his influence and co-operation in the furtherance or undertakings tending to advance the general welfare of the community, and in his political allegiance is independent.

On the 2d of June, 1892, Mr. Hahn wedded Miss Carrie Schaible, who was born and reared in Elyria Township, this county, and who is a daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Eppley) Schaible, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Schaible still reside on their homestead farm in Elyria Township. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have four children: Catherine, who was born March 29, 1900, is a member of the class of 1918 in the Oberlin High School; Harold, who was born in 1903, is an eighth-grade student in the public schools; Marian, who was born in 1907, is in the fourth grade of the local school; and Charles was born February 28, 1911.

Henry Hobart Hitchcock. For the greater part of half a century Henry Hobart Hitchcock has been one of the leading farmer citizens of Grafton Township. About forty-six years ago he located on his present home place, which is situated on the Grafton Pike, one mile south of the village of that name. With a farm of 245 acres he carries on an extensive business in general agriculture, dairying and stock husbandry.

He came to Lorain County after his marriage. He was born on a farm in Montville Township of Medina County, Ohio, December 14, 1843, a son of Daniel Bristol and Sarah E. (Welton) Hitchcock. The father was born near Amboy, New York, where he grew to manhood and where he became a skilled workman in the fabrication of such articles as spinning wheels, rakes, etc. When he was about twenty-one years of age he came to Ohio with his parents Daniel and Martha (Thayer) Hitchcock, who located in Medina County in 1836. Daniel Hitchcock was born in Connecticut while his wife was a native of Massachusetts. In Medina County Daniel Hitchcock acquired a fifty-eight acre farm and his only son, Daniel B., inherited that place and spent his days there as a successful farmer until his death when about fifty-one years of age.

Henry Hobart Hitchcock spent his early life on his father's farm and had such advantages as the local schools could bestow. After his father's death he bought from his sister Mary her interest in the homestead. His sister is now the wife of Samuel Rosenberry and lives on a farm in Fulton Township of Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

After reaching manhood Mr. Hitchcock made a visit to his grandfather who was then living on the farm where Henry H. Hitchcock now lives, and there became acquainted with Miss Eleanor S. Breckenridge. Their acquaintance ripened into love and on August 17, 1867, they were united in marriage. Mrs. Hitchcock was born on the farm where she and her husband now reside, and is a daughter of Justin Breckenridge, while her mother was a Miss Pohlman. Both were natives of New York State and early settlers in Lorain County.

About two years after his marriage Mr. Hitchcock sold his farm in Medina County and bought the place where he now lives, paying $40 an acre for land that is now worth several times as much. His wife's father Mr. Breckenridge built the home residence in 1851. Its walls were substantially constructed of brick and they still stand solid, and the house is almost as good as new. The outside buildings Mr. Hitchcock has remodeled since taking possession and has always kept his own farm apace with the advancement in agricultural methods.

To him and his wife were born four children. Clarence Pohlman, born August 30, 1868, and now a successful insurance man at Lorain, married and has two children, Marie and Ralph. Willis Nelson, the second child, was born October 14, 1870, and is his father's capable assistant on the home farm; he married Miss Mary Benzing and has two children Eleanor S. and Nelson G. Howard Hobart, the third son, was born June 18, 1879, is a farmer in Brunswick Township of Medina County and married Della Stearns. Dwight Bristol, the youngest child, was born April 19, 1880, and still lives at home.

Since early manhood Henry Hobart Hitchcock has been a devoted adherent of republican principles in politics. He cast his first presidential ballot in 1868 for President Grant. He served as trustee of the township two terms and was land appraiser one term. He was reared in the Episcopal Church, and his middle name was given in honor of Bishop Hobart of New York, whose name is also preserved by Hobart College at Geneva, New York. When Mr. Hitchcock removed to Grafton, in the absence of any Episcopal Church, he put in his membership with the Congregational society at Grafton, and has always been one of its active members and is serving as a trustee and deacon. His son Willis was at one time superintendent of the Sunday School.

David Decker. Out on the Murray Ridge Road in Elyria Township one of the best improved and most attractive farms passed by the traveler on that highway is the Decker place of 101 acres. Mr.

Decker is a native of Lorain County, was born not far from where he now lives, and has made an ample success in his chosen line of endeavor and also stands for the good things in the life of his community.

The farm on which he was born June 2, 1853, was also located on the Murray Ridge Road, and was at that time owned by his parents, Frederick and Catherine (Cook) Decker. They both come from Germany as young people, his mother with her parents when sixteen years of age. The father was a tailor by trade, and after landing in Boston worked there for several years and was married in that city to a Miss Cook when the latter was nineteen years old. They finally came West and settled in Lorain County, locating in Amherst Township, but after a short time moved to Elyria Township, where they occupied the farm on Murray Ridge Road about half a mile from the old Telegraph Road. That was their home for nearly thirty years. They then moved to the City of Elyria where Frederick Decker died January 21, 1880, at the age of about seventy-two. His widow for several years kept house for her youngest sons, Frank and George, in Amherst Township, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lenz, in Greytown, Ottawa County, February 4, 1901, at the advanced age of eighty-five. There were twelve children in the family, all of whom grew up except Peter, who was accidentally drowned when four or five years of age in a well. The names of the children were: William, Jacob, Catherine, Frederick, Elizabeth, Peter, Phillipine, Adam, Carry, David, Frank and George. The son, William, early in life went to Michigan, where he was engaged in lumbering, served with a Michigan regiment all through the Civil war, and was afterwards identified with lumber mills in that state until his death; he was twice married, and by the first wife had two children, Kittie and Willie, and by the second marriage there is a son, Fred, who still lives in Michigan. Jacob Decker, the second son, also lives in Lorain County. Catherine, the third child, married Abraham Halter, lived in Elyria Township a number of years, from there moved to Hancock County, and she died there about five years ago when seventy years of age; she was the mother of four children: Edward, Susie, Arthur and Clarence. The next in the family is Frederick, who was a farmer in Elyria Township up to the age of twenty-two, then went to the war and died while fighting for the Union cause. Elizabeth lived in Elyria Township until her marriage to Jacob Lenz, which occurred in 1863, and she is now living at Greytown in Ottawa County, a widow and the mother of nine children: Fred, deceased; Alice; Henry; Julia; Edward; Frank, and three others now deceased. Phillipine was married at the age of seventeen in Elyria Township to George Hansman, a blacksmith, and they are now living in Amherst; their children are: Allie, deceased; Fred; Elmer; Kittie; and Arnold. Adam, who now lives at Elyria, was first a farmer, later was engaged in shop work and is now an engineer in the steel mills at Lorain; by his marriage to Margaret Wonder of Carey, Ohio, he has two children named Mamie and Clarence. Carry is the widow of the late Orland McQueen, who for a number of years was captain of a lake vessel, though they made their home at Elyria, and she is now living at Elmore in Sandusky County; her three children are Catherine, Lillian and Ralph. Frank, now deceased, was a farmer, later a teaming contractor at Amherst, and died about fifteen years ago; he married Lizzie Ackerman, who is still living, and her children are Frank, Martha, Arnold and Leland. George was associated with his brother, Frank, in the contracting business and died the same year as the brother; he

married Kate Wenard, who lives at Amherst, and has four children, Anna, Albert, Edith and George.

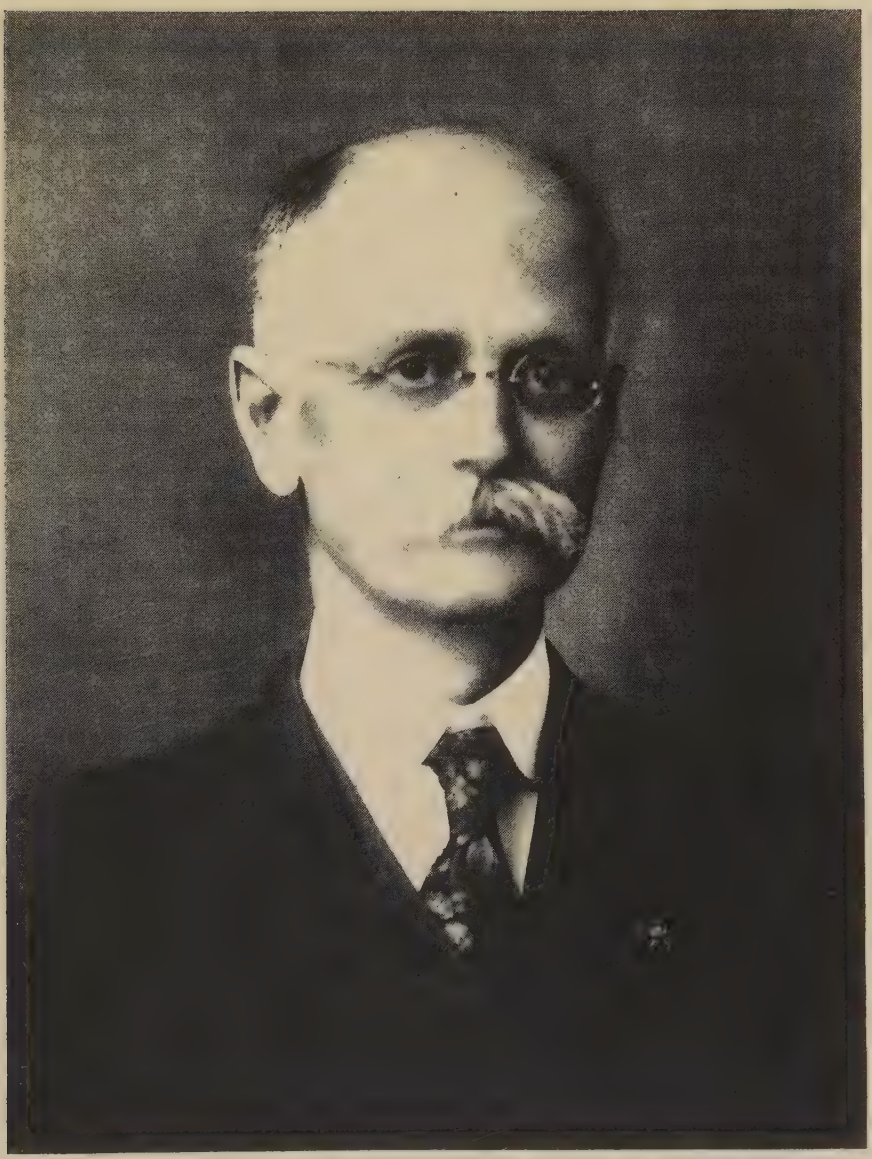
Mr. David Decker grew up in Lorain County, attended the schools near his boyhood home, and was well trained for the business which he has made the basis of his career. He lived with his parents until twenty years of age, after which he followed the carpenter trade several years. He did his first farming for himself for one year in Elyria Township, and in 1878 moved to Sheffield Township, where for eighteen years he operated a farm of 136½ acres. Returning to Elyria Township in March, 1896, he has since prospered as the proprietor and manager of the old Michael Eppley farm.

On April 24, 1879, he married Angeline May Botamer. She was born in Elyria Township, a daughter of Christopher Frederick and Chassie (Fessler) Botamer. Her father was born in Germany, but was married in Sandusky, and his wife was of English stock. Mrs. Decker was one of a family of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy. Her brothers and sisters were named: Emma, deceased; Sarah, deceased; William, who lives in Elyria; Mamie, who died after her marriage; Catherine (Botamer) Beese, who lives in Elyria; John; Frank and Adam, both residents of Elyria; George, deceased; and Leon.

To Mr. and Mrs. Decker have been born three children. Ruby is the wife of Samuel A. Beal. Edward C., who is foreman for John Halpin, a contractor, married Mabel Gibson. Harley, who lives on the farm with his father, married Myrna Hughes; their first child, a son, died at the age of five months, and the two living children are Nina Belle and Wanda Veda. Mrs. Decker is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Decker's father was a very liberal supporter and constant attendant of the same church. Mr. and Mrs. David Decker are both members of the local Grange in the Patrons of Husbandry, and Mr. Decker at one time filled the office of township assessor. He was elected to that position on the democratic ticket and that has been his brand of politics.

Hugh L. Hall, M. D. One of the busiest physicians of Lorain County is Dr. Hugh L. Hall of Amherst, where he has been serving his clientage faithfully for a period of more than thirty years. He is a conscientious, high minded and skillful physician, and his professional work and civic prominence have brought him an enviable position in this county.

He was born in Jefferson, Ashtabula County, May 17, 1860, a son of Ozias L. and Laura (Hyde) Hall. Both the Hyde and the Hall families were Connecticut people who came to Northern Ohio in the early days. His paternal grandparents, Daniel and Sallie (VanWormer) Hall, emigrated from their native State of Connecticut to Ashtabula County, Ohio, and had their first home in a log cabin. They spent the remainder of their useful years in that county. The maternal grandfather, Gates Hyde, was also an early farmer in Ashtabula County. Doctor Hall's father was born in 1831 and died in 1885. He was a child when brought to Ashtabula County and at the age of sixteen he suffered a serious impairment of health and being unable to continue on the farm took up teaching, and followed that profession for a number of years. Always under the handicap of ill health, he prospered and became a man of considerable material influence. He died suddenly at Macon, Georgia, and was buried there, though his old friends and neighbors held a funeral service at his home in Ashtabula County. He was a republican in politics, and both he and his wife were active members of the Congregational Church at Rock Creek. He was married at Lenox, Ohio, to Miss Laura



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Hyde, who was born in 1839 and died in 1895. Their three children were: Dr. Hugh L.; Floyd M., who is a farmer at Cherry Valley; and Laverie, wife of Frank Beck, a successful laundryman at Atlanta, Georgia, and at one time the owner of several laundries in different cities.

Doctor Hall had the advantages of a good home and received a good education as a boy, and when old enough to take up life on his own responsibilities he followed out his ambition to become a professional man. He completed his literary training in Grand River Institute at Austinburg, Ohio, and in 1884 graduated M. D. from the Western Reserve Medical College. He also had two years of training in a hospital in Cleveland, and in 1885 he located permanently at Amherst, buying the practice of Doctor Maynard, a physician whom many recall in that section of Lorain County. Almost from the start Doctor Hall had a large following and his ability has kept him secure in the confidence of a large and profitable practice. He is a member of the Lorain County and Ohio State Medical Societies.

In June, 1885, Doctor Hall married Harriet Tinker. She was born at Rome in Ashtabula County, a daughter of Daniel and Alathea (Ackley) Tinker, who were an early family in Ashtabula County. Doctor and Mrs. Hall have one son, Howard L., who was born December 26, 1898. Throughout his four years in high school he maintained the highest average in his studies and graduated with the class of 1916 as valedictorian. His education will be continued in Oberlin College. Doctor and Mrs. Hall and son are members of the Congregational church, and Mrs. Hall served as president of the Ladies Aid Society during 1915, and under her administration the society raised $1,100 for carrying out its purposes. In politics Doctor Hall is independent. He has served on the village council and is now a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, has filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodges, and in Masonry is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council and the Knights Templar degrees.

William H. Spiegelberg. Undoubtedly one of the finest farms to be found in all Lorain County is that of William H. Spiegelberg in Elyria Township. As an agriculturist he is a man of progressive ideals and while his efforts have always brought him an abundant degree of material prosperity he is constantly going ahead and looking ahead for further improvements and better methods of utilizing his opportunities. The Spiegelberg home is a place of great attractiveness. In 1908 he erected a residence of thirteen rooms with all the modern conveniences, including a complete lighting and heating system. Following this came another substantial improvement, an immense barn erected in 1909, and one of the more recent additions to his farm enterprise has been the erection of a large silo. While classified as a general farmer, Mr. Spiegelberg gives much attention to special crops and to live stock, and operates a large dairy.

Born in Amherst Township January 23, 1863, William H. Spiegelberg is of sterling German ancestry, and his family has been identified with Lorain County more than eighty years. His grandparents were John and Barbara (Heiser) Spiegelberg, who were married in Germany. In 1833 as young people they came to the United States, and during the first winter, spent at Norwich, Connecticut, twin children were born to them, George W. and Olive, the latter being later Mrs. Adam Stang of Elyria Township. In 1834 the family started West, intending to locate at Fort Wayne, Indiana. The vessel on which they were coming up the lake encountered a severe storm and was taken into Lorain

harbor, where all the passengers were landed. John Spiegelberg hunted up an old friend from Germany at Lorain, secured his assistance in getting employment, and thus became a permanent resident. He was a man of industry, a money maker, and for many years lived on a good farm in Amherst Township.

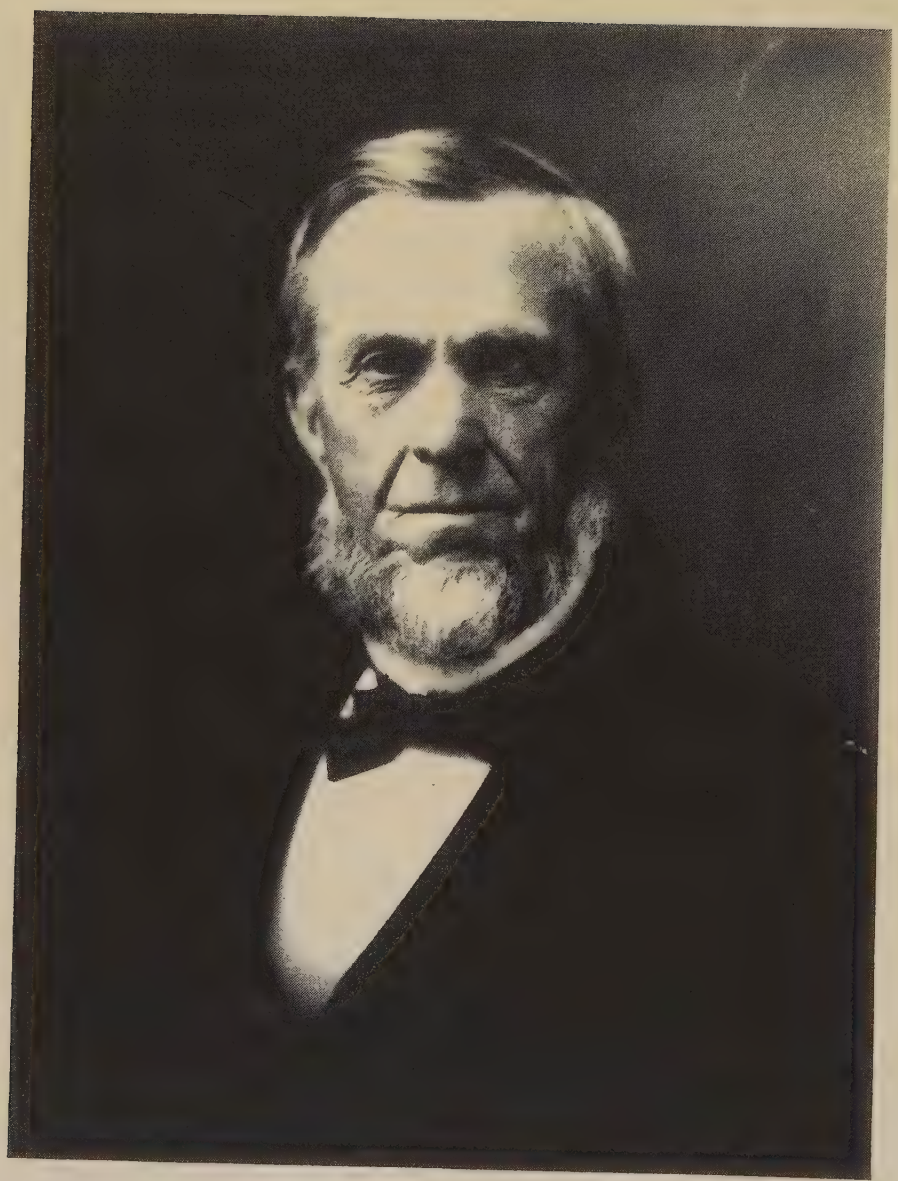
The late George W. Spiegelberg, whose birth has already been recorded and who died April 14, 1902, spent practically all his life in Lorain County. After his marriage he succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead in Amherst Township, and continued its operation successfully until the close of his career. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kolbe, was born in Germany in 1840, a daughter of N. W. and Elizabeth (Heisner) Kolbe, who settled in Ohio in 1856, and for many years lived on a farm near Lorain Village. George W. Spiegelberg and wife had ten children: Barbara Elizabeth, who married Jacob Eschtruth; George, a twin brother of Elizabeth, lived only about a year; William H.; Mary, who married Moses Eppley; Olive, who became the wife of John Bechtell; Louisa, wife of William Beal; Carrie; Elizabeth, who married J. F. Fowle; Amelia, wife of Frank Rahl; and Louis, who married Odelia Smith.

William H. Spiegelberg spent his early years on the old homestead, gained an education in the local schools, and was with his parents until his marriage on March 28, 1889. The maiden name of his wife was Lydia A. Eppley. She was born in Morgan County, Ohio, a daughter of Michael and Rosa (Harch) Eppley, both natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Spiegelberg have six children: Elmer William, who died at the age of ten weeks; Edna Catherine; Earl William; Lydia Alberta Elizabeth; Ruth Marian and Marian Elizabeth.

During the ten years following his marriage Mr. Spiegelberg, with the co-operation of his thrifty wife, followed farming as a renter in Amherst Township, and proved his energy and successful ability by making enough out of his operations as a renter to finally buy a home for himself. He finally located on the old John M. Vincent farm of 128½ acres, and after renting that estate for ten years bought it. Under his own proprietorship improvements have gone forward at a rapid pace, until there is now nothing lacking to make it an ideal country home. Mrs. Spiegelberg attends the Zion Evangelical Church. In politics he is an independent voter.

George H. Andress. Among the energetic young business men of Elyria, one who has won prominence although a comparative newcomer to commercial circles is George H. Andress, "The Studebaker Man," representative here for the famous Studebaker automobile. He was born in this city, September 28, 1892, and is a son of Henry M. and Medora G. (Boynton) Andress. His father, a business man of Elyria for forty years, for half of this time conducted an establishment within twenty rods of the location of the son's store and garage, which is situated on the property on which the old home stood for a long period. A review of the career of Henry M. Andress will be found elsewhere in this work.

George H. Andress received a public school education and when ready to enter upon his commercial career associated himself with his father, under whom he received his business training. From 1910 until 1913 he remained with the elder man in the handling of automobiles, and in the latter year, with this experience, took over the agency of the Studebaker automobile and has built up a large and important business. Mr. Andress is a member of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce, the Elyria Automobile Club and Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective



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Order of Elks. He is popular in business and social circles and is justly accounted one of Elyria's leading young business citizens.

Mr. Andress was married January 21, 1913, to Miss Lora J. Waite, who was born at Lorain, Ohio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Waite, who are living at Lorain. One daughter has come to this union: Maude Augusta, born at Elyria. Mr. Andress owns his own home and place of business, the latter being located in a desirable part of the business section of the city, at No. 635 Broad Street.

Lester C. Cook, whose death on April 12, 1909, was a cause for general regret in Lorain County, was one of the factors in agricultural and civic progress in Eaton Township for many years. Mrs. Cook, his widow, is still living on the old homestead at North Eaton, and his work as a farmer is continued through his son. This is one of the best known and most prominent families of Eaton Township.

Born on a farm in Medina County, Ohio, December 6, 1841, a son of Erastus and Lemira (Ayer) Cook, Lester C. Cook grew to manhood on the Medina County farm, received a good education, and for several years was a school teacher. He also took a business course in Oberlin, and for a couple of years was interested in a furniture store at Hillsdale, Michigan.

On January 19, 1875, he married Miss Minnie Streeter of Eaton Township in Lorain County, where she was born October 21, 1848. Mrs. Cook is a daughter of Sheldon and Mary (Cutts) Streeter. Her father was born on a farm in Shalersville Township of Portage County, Ohio, August 7, 1824, while her mother was born on a farm in Paris Township of Portage County February 25, 1828. They were married January 19, 1848, and in the following March they moved to Lorain County, where Sheldon Streeter bought fifty acres in Eaton Township. Only a part of this had been cleared, and its chief improvements were a log house and a small barn. It was in that one community that he concentrated his efforts and made his home the rest of his days. From time to time he invested his surplus in other lands and finally had 238 acres under his individual ownership. In 1867 Mr. Streeter built the large commodious residence which is now occupied by Mrs. Cook and her family. Besides this residence Sheldon Streeter put up good barns and other buildings and his was a career of useful effort and of substantial citizenship. Mrs. Cook was the only child of her parents, and she was eight years old when her mother died, and though her father married again there were no children by the second marriage. Sheldon Streeter was a republican in early life and later a prohibitionist. He became an ardent admirer of William J. Bryan. Though interested in politics he was never a seeker for official honor. He was a member and served as an elder forty-three years in the Christian Church at Eaton Center and was also a Sunday School worker. His death occurred September 11, 1902, as a result of being struck by the railway cars at North Eaton.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born seven children. All of them were born on the old home farm in Eaton township, and four of them died in early childhood. The oldest is Grace B., born November 21, 1876, a graduate of the Academy at Oberlin, following which she took a course in a nurses' training school and is now a nurse in the Brownell & Eagle Schools in Cleveland. The second daughter, Harriet, born September 29, 1884, attended high school at Oberlin, took courses in music and elocution at a college in Berea, is a Chiropodist and now lives at Cleveland with her sister. Don Sheldon Cook, the only living son, was born January 16, 1888, attended the Elyria High School until within three months of graduating, and is now the active manager of the old

home farm for his mother. He is conducting a successful business as a dairyman and a breeder of high grade Holstein cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. In 1912 he built his second silo with a capacity of 135 tons. He is a republican in politics, as was his father, but has no aspirations for official honors. He and the other members of the family are communicants of the Disciples Church. His father served as a deacon in that church. On January 19, 1909, Don Sheldon Cook married Miss Freda Davis, daughter of L. T. and Mida (Roberts) Davis. They have three children: Russell Kenneth born March 12, 1910; Lester D., born November 26, 1912; and Jean Elizabeth, born March 11, 1914.

Elmer A. Richmond. One of the old and prominent families of Lorain County is represented by Elmer A. Richmond, whose farm enterprise and good citizenship have made him well known in that section of the county around Wellington. The Richmonds have lived in this county for three successive generations, and a great deal of development and improvement can be traced to their energy and effective citizenship.

Born in Lorain County, September 20, 1867, Elmer A. Richmond is a son of Lester J. and Mary (Dalgliesh) Richmond. Lester J. Richmond, who was born November 22, 1842, at Akron, Ohio, is still living retired. His parents were Charles B. and Matilda (Welton) Richmond. Charles B. Richmond was born in New England and came to Lorain County in a very early day, clearing up a farm from the wilderness. Lester J. Richmond received most of his education before he was sixteen years of age, and found employment at work on his father's place and for other farmers. In 1862 he enlisted at Penfield in Company B of the First Ohio Light Artillery, and his command first went to the front at Louisville, Kentucky. He took part in the battles and campaigns beginning in the fall of 1862, participating at Perrysville, at Wild Cat, at Murfreesboro, at Chickamauga, and was subjected to the hardest kind of campaigning. He was never wounded nor captured, though for three months he lay sick in the hospital at Nashville. After the war and his honorable discharge he lived with his parents a time, then went to Ashtabula County, where he worked on a farm, and on November 13, 1866, married Mary A. Dalglish. She was born December 10, 1843, a daughter of Robert Dalglish, who came from Scotland and was a millwright by trade, although after locating in Lorain County he followed farming. After their marriage Lester J. Richmond and wife rented a farm in LaGrange Township, but a year later moved to Penfield, where he worked in a sawmill eight years and then superintended the Edwin Hinsdale farm. From there he moved to Huron County and by contract furnished wood for the locomotives on the Lake Shore Railroad. His next purchase was sixty acres of land in Ross Township of Wood County, and after clearing this and improving it for seven years he rented a place and moved to Penfield Township, and from there to Wellington. Later he returned to Penfield Township and located on a farm of 198 acres which he occupied until about ten years ago when he retired and moved to Wellington. Elmer A. Richmond was one of six children, five of whom are living. The others are: Frank, in the hay business at Wellington; Nora, wife of Walter Hull, a motorman at Elyria; Mamie, who died when about four years old; Victoria, wife of V. L. Banning of Wellington; and Robert, in a grocery store at Elyria.

Elmer A. Richmond spent his early life chiefly in Penfield Township, and attended the Wellington public schools. He has followed farming ever since reaching his majority and has made a success of the business.

In 1893 he married Ada Fetterman, who was born in Medina County, Ohio, daughter of Joseph Fetterman. When a child she was brought to

Penfield Township, and received her education in the local schools. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond have three children: Mary, aged twenty-one and still at home; Glen, aged eighteen; and Arthur, aged nine. Mr. Richmond is a member of the Congregational Church and his wife belongs to the Methodist denomination. The family are all members of the Grange, and he affiliates with the Maccabees.

Mr. Richmond has taken considerable part in local affairs, and is a republican in politics. He has served as trustee of Penfield Township, having been elected to that office in November, 1915, and was a member of the school board for seven years. As a farmer he looks after the operation of 161 acres of land, which he devotes to the general crops and to dairying purposes. He has a herd of eight thoroughbred Holsteins besides a herd of grade Holsteins and he is making that a very profitable feature of his general business. His farm is without doubt one of the very best in Penfield Township. It is also a fact worth recording that it was one of the very first to be cleared from the wilderness. Its first owner was a Mr. Penfield, whose family were honored by having the township named for them. Mr. Richmond and his family reside in one of the most attractive rural residences in that section of the county.

C. J. Behnke. Among Penfield Township farms that are deserving of mention as places of value in the material sense and as homes of thrifty and energetic citizens, there is the Behnke place, known as the Elm Grove Farm, which for nearly twenty years has been modified and increased in value by the energy of C. J. Behnke, one of the ablest farmers in that locality.

A native of Lorain County, Mr. Behnke was born in Russia Township, September 21, 1863, a son of Ernest and Wilhelmina (Mohrman) Behnke. Both his parents were natives of Germany. His father was born in 1829 and died in 1884 and his mother in 1831 and died in 1891. They were married in Cleveland, Ohio. Ernest Behnke came to Lorain County about 1861. He was a blacksmith and carriage maker by trade, and started to work at his trade in America at $7 a month, eventually set up a shop of his own, and by rendering a service that brought him increased patronage he laid the foundation for his substantial success. Out of his earnings at his trade he paid for 192 acres of land, and was very well off when he died, though he had started almost penniless. He was a democrat in politics and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. Of their seven children the four now living are: C. J. Behnke; Minnie, wife of William Fowles of LaGrange Township; William, a farmer in Elyria Township; and Lewis, a farmer in Amherst Township.

C. J. Behnke acquired his early education in the district schools, grew up and learned the business of farming, and after his father's death inherited a share of the homestead. Later he sold his land in Amherst Township and in 1897 bought his present place of a little more than 100 acres in Penfield Township. This at the time was uncleared land and he has since improved it into a wonderful farm, erecting a good home and a large barn, and making other improvements in keeping with the best standards of agriculture in this vicinity. Mr. Behnke has succeeded by general farming and dairying, and in the way of livestock keeps Jersey and Holstein cattle and Percheron horses.

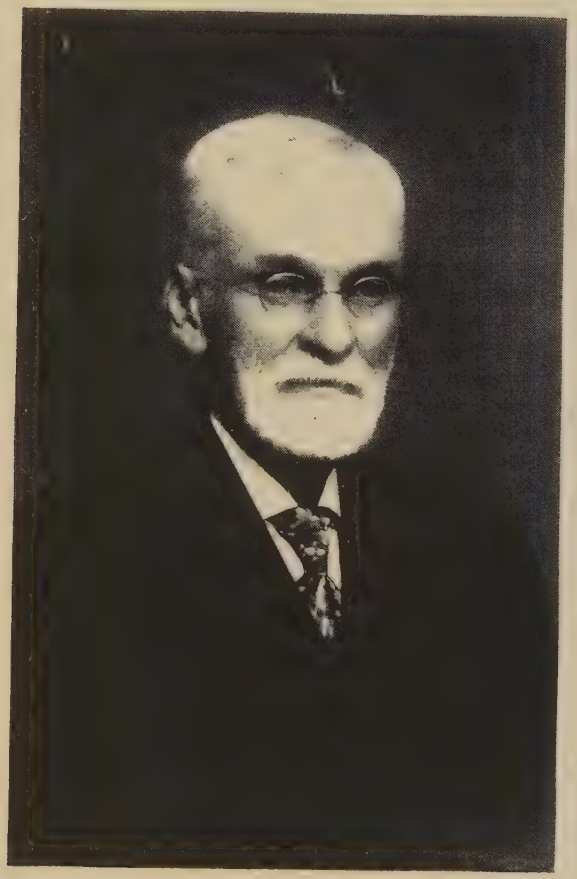
On March 17, 1889, he married Lizzie Stickroth. She was born in Germany, but was brought to America when a child. They are the parents of three children: Wallace has become a successful railway official and for the past five years has been division superintendent on the Frisco lines at Fort Worth, Texas; Nellie is a trained nurse, located

at Chicago; Julia is the wife of Lesley Preston, a farmer in Wellington Township. Mrs. Behnke, the mother of these children, died in 1903. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On December 2, 1906, Mr. Behnke married Allie (Newton) Bernt, a widow. Mrs. Behnke is a member of the Adventist Church. Fraternally Mr. Behnke belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Maccabees, and is also a member of the Grange, holds the certificate for sixth degree and has filled various chairs of these orders. Politically he is a republican, and was trustee of his home township for eight years.

William Tyler Williams. To find farm improvement and efficiency at its best it is only necessary to visit the Riverside Farm owned by William Tyler Williams in Carlisle Township, two miles from the public square of Elyria. This was formerly known as the W. E. Miller Farm, and comprises 70¾ acres and is remarkable not so much for its size and for the intensive cultivation of the land and for the many splendid improvements which make it not only a farm in the ordinary sense but a splendid home. Every building is of most thorough construction and the barns have cement floors, cement feed troughs, and the stock have running water without leaving their stalls. The specialty of the farm is graded and registered Holstein and Jersey cattle. A great deal of credit has been given to the equipment of this farm, and one of the prominent features are two large silos built of hollow tile. Water is piped not only throughout the barn but to other buildings and there is both hot and cold water throughout the house. A gas well on the farm supplies ample fuel and light.

Mr. Williams came to this place September 1, 1912, from Cuyahoga County, in Mayfield Township, where he had spent the greater part of his life and where he was born February 15, 1841. His parents were Daniel and Alice (Blish) Williams, both of whom were born and reared on farms near Colchester, Connecticut. His father was a carpenter and joiner by occupation in early days, used his trade to become a contractor, and was a quite successful man. He was not married until forty-one years of age, and soon after that event he moved out to Northern Ohio and located in Mayfield Township of Cuyahoga County. He came there in order to make a sale of some Western Reserve land, and he was engaged very extensively in the selling of such land for several years. He bought on his own account 257 acres, and that was the old homestead where William T. Williams spent his early boyhood. There were four sons in the family, William T. being the youngest. The oldest, Daniel B., moved out to California on account of his health and died there at the age of seventy-seven leaving three children. Abram F., the second son, lived on the old home farm in Mayfield Township until his death at the age of sixty-seven and was survived by two children. The other living son, Henry C., is a farmer in Van Wert County, Ohio, and has three children.

When William T. Williams was about a year and a half old his father died, and he was reared by his mother on the old Mayfield township farm. During his childhood and early youth he attended the common schools, and every morning and night walked a distance of three miles between the home and school. He managed to secure the equivalent of a high school education, and when he was about twenty years of age the old farm was divided and he and a brother became owners of ninety acres. About that time he also took up work as a teamster for the government in the Civil war, having enlisted for that service. Exposure and hardship brought in train a serious illness on account of which he was honorably discharged, but after recuperating he again enlisted and this time



WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS

MRS. WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS

was made assistant wagonmaster. Thus he rendered a very necessary service to his country in time of peril.

On February 22, 1866, Mr. Williams married Miss Cornelia Smith of Cleveland Township, where she was born May 3, 1841, a daughter of Horatio N. and Rebecca (Mattox) Smith. Her father was a native of Vermont, came to Ohio when still single, and met and married his wife in Cleveland.

For nine years after his marriage Mr. Williams and wife lived in Mayfield Township, but in 1874 he bought fifty acres of land in Olmsted Township, and that was his home for thirty-nine years. It was in that community that he developed his extensive business as a stockman and farmer, and his farm was known for miles around as the home of thoroughbred Jersey cattle. He was also one of the founders of the village of North Olmsted, which is now incorporated and a flourishing community center.

Mr. Williams' father had been an active whig in the early days of Northern Ohio, and in 1860 the son first took an active part in a political campaign, supporting the republican party, and in 1864 he had the inestimable privilege of casting a vote for Abraham Lincoln. Throughout his residence in North Olmsted he was again and again honored by places of public trust. He served as trustee of the township three times and was twice a candidate for county commissioner, being defeated by a very narrow margin. He was also urged at one time to become a candidate for state senator. Some years ago he was a delegate to the State Republican Convention at Toledo and was one of the men who supported and endorsed the candidacy of Mark Hanna for United States senator.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams became the parents of five children, two of whom died in childhood. Their son Howard O., born in Mayfield Township, is a graduate of the high school at North Olmsted and is now the practical assistant of Mr. Williams on the home farm and is looking after the dairying end of the business. The daughter, Stella A., married Frederick B. Nelson and lives in New York City. The daughter, Mable A., graduated from the high school at North Olmsted, attended school at Elyria and was also in the Woman's College at Wooster, and for a number of years has been a very successful and popular teacher, being now connected with the South School in Cleveland.

J. W. Bartholomew of Penfield Township, is a man who has carved his own success in life. As a young man he worked as a clerk and in other occupations, but finally invested his small accumulations in land in Lorain County, and for many years has been one of the prosperous agriculturists in Penfield Township.

He was born in Chautauqua County, New York, March 6, 1854, and was adopted by Samuel and Hulda (Cummings) Bartholomew. His father was a New York State farmer, but afterwards came to Ohio and was in the hotel business at Berlin Heights.

Educated in the public schools at Mayville and Portland, New York, J. W. Bartholomew did his first work as clerk in a store at Portland, and on March 4, 1874, arrived in Ohio, where he supported himself several years by clerking in a store at Vermillion.

On August 20, 1874, he married Samantha Daniels, who was born in Pennsylvania, where her parents died. Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew have two children: Alice Hulda, wife of Alexander McCoy, a farmer in Penfield Township, and they have one child, Robert; and Ray Elsworth, in the grocery business at Lakewood, near Cleveland, Ohio. He married Fern Smith, and they have one child, Richard Kent.

Mrs. Bartholomew is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

and Mr. Bartholomew is affiliated with the Maccabees, the Grange, the Good Templars and politically acts with the prohibition party.

In 1887 he came to Penfield Township and bought his present farm of seventy acres. With the exception of $600 which he received from his father's estate, he has made his prosperity by his own labors, and has been able to provide a good home and all the comforts and advantages for his family.

ERNEST L. PIERCE. Representing the good old American stock that first peopled and settled this section of Northern Ohio, Ernest L. Pierce has for many years applied himself successfully to his chosen work as a farmer in the vicinity of Wellington. With farming he has combined dairying and has one of the finest herds of Holstein cattle in the county. His work, thrift and industry has been well rewarded. His name is always spoken with due respect in the community where he has spent most of his life, and his accomplishments and those of other members of the family well justify that such record should be printed in permanent form.

He was born in Penfield Township, June 12, 1868, and is a son of James Madison and Malinda (Starr) Pierce. His paternal grandfather Pierce, a native of New York State, came to Lorain County when it was largely an unsettled wilderness, and lived on a farm there until his death at the age of seventy-seven. The maternal grandfather, Orin Starr, was also young when he came to Lorain County, and was a man of great business judgment and energy, acquiring a great landed estate. He had eleven children, and three of them are still living. James M. Pierce was born in New York State in 1823 and died in March, 1887. Both he and the mother of Ernest Pierce were twice married, and by their first marriages had each three children. James M. Pierce married for his first wife, Marietta Hoyt, while Miss Starr married for her first husband, Lewis Hart. There were also three children by their second marriage, and the two now living are Ernest L. and Lena, the wife of J. B. Murray, who is in the grocery business at Wellington. James M. Pierce was an active republican in politics and his wife was a member of the Methodist Church. He owned a farm of ninety-six acres in Penfield Township, but sold it before he died and moved to Elyria and died at the home of a daughter in Penfield.

Ernest L. Pierce grew up on the farm in Penfield Township, attended public schools there and also those of Elyria and Wellington, and for ten years worked out at monthly wages and by his careful savings laid the foundation for his present prosperity. The only money he ever inherited was $461 from his grandfather's estate, and all the rest he has acquired for himself. In 1894 he bought his farm and assumed a debt of $2,400 on it. He now owns a fine place of 103 acres, while his wife has a farm of seventy-one acres. He has put up buildings, and in many ways has developed the value of his property. As a dairyman he has a herd of registered Holstein cattle, and the care and management of this herd is the most important department of his farm enterprise.

In 1891 Mr. Pierce married Theresa P. Starr, daughter of Lemuel Starr, who was an early settler in Penfield Township. They have three children: J. Blair Pierce, born in 1893; Treva, who was born in 1895 and is the wife of Charles Pelton; and Louise, born in 1900 and still at home. Mrs. Pierce is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both she and her husband are members of the Grange. He is active in the Maccabees and for four or five years was record keeper. Politically a republican, he served as township trustee six years, as a member of

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the school board eight years, and is now by appointment filling a vacancy in the office of town clerk.

GEORGE ROY WISEMAN, M. D. To a profession than which there is none greater in its opportunities for rendering service to humanity, Dr. George R. Wiseman has given himself with a devotion appropriate to his high calling and in ability and attainment ranks as one of the first physicians and surgeons of Lorain County.

He is president of the Amherst Hospital, which he promoted and organized, and which at this writing is being constructed at Amherst under his supervision. This institution means a great deal to the community, and it represents the culmination of ten years of successful practice there.

Doctor Wiseman was born in Licking County, Ohio, March 8, 1878, a son of William H. and Anna K. (Fickel) Wiseman. His father came to Licking County when a boy with the grandfather, who attained the remarkable age of 100 years, dying in Delaware County, Ohio. The maternal grandfather Fickel was a veteran of the Civil war, and one of the very prosperous men of Muskingum County, where he spent many years in comfortable retirement. William H. Wiseman, father of Doctor Wiseman, was born in Pennsylvania in 1840 and is now living in Columbus, Ohio, being connected with the pension department. During the Civil war as a young man he served in Company K of the 76th Ohio Volunteer Infantry from 1861 until the close of the war in 1865. His regiment saw some of the hardest fighting of the war, and he was with it at Shiloh, during the siege of Vicksburg, in the Atlanta campaign and in the march to the sea. For many years he was a general merchant at Jacksontown, Ohio. He was married in Muskingum County to Miss Fickel, who was born in that county in 1852 and died in 1897. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which William H. Wiseman still has a leading part. He is a democrat in politics and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Their three children are: Dr. George R.; Blanche, wife of E. E. Binder, assistant superintendent of the Telephone Company at Columbus, and they have two children, Mary Katheryne and Marie; and Katheryne, wife of George Strain, a bookkeeper at Columbus.

When Doctor Wiseman began practice he had behind him a fair training in schools and universities. In May, 1895, he graduated from the Jacksontown High School, and continued one year in high school taking special studies. For one year he was a student in the Starling Medical College and then for three years in the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, where he graduated M. D. in 1900. For several years he practiced in Morrow County, but in December, 1905, moved to Amherst. Doctor Wiseman is a member of the Lorain County and Ohio State Medical societies, and keeps closely in touch with all the progress of his profession. He is Surgeon for the American Dynalyte Co., the New York Central R. R. Co., the U. S. Automatic Co. and for several life insurance companies.

In 1899 he married Ruth Reid, who was born at Cardington, Ohio, a daughter of Charles F. Reid, who was a cabinet maker. Doctor and Mrs. Wiseman have two sons: Clovis Reid, now in high school; and George Roy, Jr., who is also attending the public schools. Mrs. Wiseman is a member of the Baptist Church and her son Clovis belongs to the Congregational Church. Fraternally Doctor Wiseman is a Knight Templar Mason, is past worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, is past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

His politics is republican. For two years he served on the city council, and where not conflicting with his professional work he has been diligent and ever ready to serve the interests of his community.

Samuel Naylor. When Samuel Naylor died on July 19, 1908, it was the general expression of community esteem in the locality where he had lived for many years that a successful farmer, a public spirited citizen, a kind husband and father, and a man of irreproachable character and fine integrity had been removed from his position in Lorain County.

During his long life he exemplified the success that goes with industry and intelligent management. He became one of the most extensive land owners in Penfield Township. Of old Pennsylvania stock, he was born in that state in Cumberland County, February 27, 1823, and was eighty-five years of age when called to his final rest. His grandfather, Jacob Naylor, was a farmer and distiller and made whiskey when that was one of the principal industries of the mountain regions of Pennsylvania. Samuel Naylor, Sr., father of the late citizen of Lorain County, was born in Little York, Pennsylvania, grew up on a farm, and for several years of his early manhood spent much of his time in hauling whiskey from his father's and other distilleries to Baltimore, where the principal market was for their product. It took six horses to haul a load of thirty barrels of whiskey over the mountain highways. Samuel Naylor, Sr., was married in Cumberland County to Elizabeth Uhler, a native of that county and of German ancestry. After their marriage they located on a small farm in Cumberland County, renting the land, and from there in the fall of 1829 they set out in a covered two-horse wagon for Ohio. It took them two weeks to make the journey. Samuel Naylor had previously visited Ohio and had bought land in Guilford Township of Medina County. This land he bought from an immense tract of country which was sold under the supervision of Judge Heman Ely, the founder of Elyria. Samuel Naylor hired a man to build him a log house, but when he and his family arrived the house was found to be of such poor construction that they had to rent another cabin to live in. Samuel Naylor and wife had the following children while living in Pennsylvania: Mary, who married Amos Fritz; Samuel; Benjamin K., who lived in Lucas County, Ohio; Jacob, who became a farmer at Spencer; Rebecca, who married W. W. Hutchisson. While the family were en route to Ohio the daughter Eliza was born at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In Medina County four other children came to the parental circle: John, who died at the age of twenty-one; William, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Sarah; and Henry. The mother of these children died on a farm in Medina County, and Samuel Naylor, Sr., subsequently moved to Seville, buying a small farm and residence in the village. He married for his second wife, Harriet Sheldon, by which union there was one child, Harriet, who married James Ross. Samuel Naylor, Sr., died at the age of seventy-three. He was a whig and abolitionist in the early days, and afterwards a strong republican. Having traveled much over the South, he was thoroughly convinced that the practice of slavery would never be decided except by war.

Samuel Naylor, Jr., was six years old when the family moved to Guilford Township in Medina County. His education came from the pioneer schools of that county, and he early put his strength to test by helping clear up his father's land. Besides working at home he also hired out to other parties and became a skillful shingle maker.

In 1845 he was married in Guilford Township of Medina County to Barbara Long, who was born near Toronto, Canada, in September, 1824,

Wm H. Schibley.

a daughter of John Long, who subsequently settled on a farm in Medina County. After his marriage Samuel Naylor rented land in Litchfield Township for several years, and from there moved to Penfield Township in Lorain County, where he bought a tract of 107 acres of wild land, paying $6 an acre. At that time there was no highway by which his land was accessible and he had to cut a way through the woods. He bought the land on credit, and after a few years, by hard work, paid for it and converted a piece of the wilderness into a fertile farm. Samuel Naylor by his first marriage had the following children: Jacob, who enlisted for service in the Civil war before he was seventeen years of age and who died while still in the army at Camp Denison; Henry, who died young; Elizabeth, who married Stewart Long of Penfield Township; Rebecca, now deceased, who married Andrew Sigourney; Harriet A.; Laney E., who died at the age of seven years; Emma, married William Bradstock; Mary, who died at the age of seventeen; Harvey G., a farmer at Spencer, Ohio; and Dora, who married Lemuel Hower. The mother of these children passed away January 7, 1874. She was a member of the United Brethren Church.

For his second wife Samuel Naylor married Nancy E. Yocum, who died in 1882, without children.

In 1894 Mr. Naylor married Sarah Elizabeth Arbaugh, who still survives and resides at Wellington. Mrs. Naylor was born May 28, 1862, in Knox County, Ohio, where she was married. Her parents were Elias and Sarah (Capper) Arbaugh, both natives of Carroll County, Ohio. Her maternal grandfather, David Capper, was an early settler in Carroll County, was a miller and was killed while at work in his mill. Mrs. Naylor's father died in 1869. Of seven children, five are living, namely: Mary Jane, wife of Scott Blair of Mansfield, Ohio; David James of Mansfield; Louisa, wife of David Frazier of Butler, Ohio; Mrs. Naylor; and John C., a farmer at Mansfield. Mrs. Naylor's parents were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Her father was a very successful farmer. Mrs. Naylor received her education in the district schools and is a woman of intelligence and refinement, and has carefully looked after the various business interests entrusted to her charge since her husband's death. She owns 108 acres in Penfield Township and fifty acres in Medina County, besides her home at Penfield Center. Mr. Naylor acquired a large estate of 400 acres and in 1892 erected one of the finest country homes in that section of Lorain County. He was not only a successful business man, but was a leader in educational matters, and donated the land for the erection of a district school. He was an active member of the United Brethren Church and a republican in politics, while Mrs. Naylor and her sons belong to the Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Naylor had two children: Charles William Naylor, who is now twenty years of age and graduated from the Penfield schools and is now on a farm at Strongsville, Ohio; and Samuel Hobart, who was born in 1898 and lives at home.

W. H. Schibley has for a number of years been cashier and one of the executive officers of the Amherst German Bank Company, is connected as an officer or stock holder with a number of other Lorain County business institutions, and altogether his position as a business man and citizen is one of the most substantial in his community. He has hardly yet reached the meridian of life's activities. With no capital to start with, he has depended on industry, sound intelligence, and a strict probity in all his relations to carry him forward to the goal of success.

He has been cashier of the Amherst German Bank Company since

1907. This is a bank which deserves some mention in a history of Lorain County finance. The officers and directors are all well known business men, including E. H. Nicholl, president; George Hollstein, vice president; William H. Schibley, cashier; Joseph Wesbecher, Jacob Baus and M. C. Kendeigh, directors. The management of the bank has been thoroughly conservative and yet so far as is consistent with sound banking has endeavored to furnish a courteous, helpful and prompt service to its widely extended patronage. A recent statement shows how the bank has prospered under such a régime. The capital stock is $50,000, and the total resources aggregate approximately $600,000. The best index of a bank's popularity is shown in its deposits, and the Amherst German Bank Company in the spring of 1916 had upwards of $600,000 in its deposit account.

Mr. W. H. Schibley was born at Amherst, Ohio, April 3, 1867. His people on both sides were from the German fatherland, and both his grandfathers fought with the army of Napoleon and participated in that ill-fated campaign into Russia. His paternal grandfather died in 1839 and his maternal grandfather in 1840. Michael Schibley, father of the Amherst banker, was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, in 1826 and died in 1907. He came alone to Pennsylvania when a young man in 1853 and from there went to Huron, Ohio, where he met and married Miss Catherine Brandau, who was born in Hesse, Germany, in 1836 and died in 1914. For several years Michael Schibley paid his way by day labor, and was employed in the construction forces building some of the New York Central lines through Northern Ohio. Afterwards he took up farming and lived on his farm until a few years before his death, which occurred in Amherst. His wife also died there. They were members of the Evangelical Association and he was a democrat in politics. There were five children: George is a farmer in Amherst Township; Christian is also a farmer there; Anna Goll lives at Lorain, Ohio; the fourth in age is W. H. Schibley; and J. H. is manager of the Amherst Supply Company.

Starting life with a common school education, supplemented with a course in the State Normal School at Ada, Ohio, W. H. Schibley found his first serious occupation in teaching. While following that occupation he attended summer sessions at Oberlin College. Altogether he taught six years in the district schools and had charge of the school system at Amherst for eight years, finally resigning in 1900 after a most creditable record whether as an individual teacher or as a school executive. On leaving school work he engaged in the grain business with his brother Jacob. This grew into a flourishing enterprise under the direction of the two brothers, and in 1908 their firm was incorporated with a capital stock of $50,000. W. H. Schibley was the first president of the company and he is still a large stock holder. He has stock in a number of different enterprises, and is president of the U. S. Automatic Company of Amherst, and is a director of the local waterworks. For recreation he looks after a small farm and conducts it on scientific principles.

In 1891 Mr. Schibley married Dorothea Ludwig. Her father, Charles Ludwig, was in the stone business at Amherst for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Schibley are members of the Evangelical Association, in which he has been trustee for a long time and also active in Sunday School work. Politically he is independent. However, he was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of township treasurer.

L. S. Boise. For nearly a century members of the Boise family have materially influenced the progress and development of various localities in Northern Ohio. The chief center of the family activities

has been in Penfield Township and there L. S. Boise has constructed out of his individual labors, persistent work and ambition a fine farm home and is enjoying a well deserved success and rendering an adequate service to the community both in a business way and by his public spirited citizenship.

He was born at Litchfield in Medina County, Ohio, December 2, 1847, a son of William and Lydia (Severcool) Boise. His paternal grandfather, Chester Boise, was born in one of the New England states and settled in Huron County, Ohio, about 1821, and as a pioneer helped to influence early development. William Boise was born in New York State in 1814, came to Oxford in Huron County when seven years of age, and from there moved to Medina County and in 1882 went to Wellington, where he died in 1902. He was a whig and afterwards a republican in politics and held several local offices. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. He was married in Medina County, and his wife was born in New York State in 1820 and died in 1901. Of their eight children, seven are living: George, an ex-soldier of the Civil war and a retired lumberman in Northern Michigan; James, who served a little more than a year in the Civil war, afterwards was a druggist at Seville, Ohio, and died at the age of fifty-one largely as a result of illness contracted in the army; Charles, who lives at Chattanooga, Tennessee; L. S. Boise; Alvarado, who was at first engaged in the lumber business in Northern Michigan and from there went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with $1,600 capital, and in sixteen years made a fortune of $100,000, being still a leading factor in the cement business in that southern city; Benjamin, engaged in the real estate business at Lorain and Elyria; Frances, wife of Friend Starr, a farmer at Litchfield; and William, in the grocery business at Lorain.

L. S. Boise grew up in Medina County on a farm, attended the district and select schools, and made farming his regular work in life. In 1873 he married Josephine Pierce, a daughter of James and Marietta (Hoyt) Pierce. The Pierce is an old and well known family of Lorain County. Mrs. Boise's mother was born at Marcellus, New York, in 1824, and died in 1861. Mrs. Boise was born in New York State, August 9, 1854. To their marriage have been born three children: El Ray, born September 29, 1873, homesteaded a farm in Oklahoma, where he now lives, and he married Hattie DeLay and has three children, Leonard, Gladys and Irene. Byron Fay, born August 3, 1876, is a farmer in Penfield Township. He married Miss Marabah Bartlett, and their two children are Myron and Ruth. Lydia Loring was liberally educated at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in Oberlin College and is now teaching music in Elyria.

Mrs. Boise is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and both she and her husband are active in the Grange and he is also affiliated with the Maccabees. Politically he is a republican and has served as trustee, assessor and in all the various township positions. He had charge of the improvement of the local cemetery, and has done much to make that a place of beauty.

It was in 1898 that Mr. Boise bought his farm of fifty-six acres in Penfield Township. He had also lived for five years in Kansas, and for eight years was a farm renter. Starting life with little capital he has succeeded by the exercise of much good management and constant hard work. He does general farming and dairying, and has a herd of thirty registered Holstein cattle.

Edward H. West. Success consists in a steady betterment of one's material condition and an increase of one's ability to render service to

others. Measured by this standard, one of the successful men of Lorain County is Edward H. West, who has spent most of his life in the county and now has an attractive and valuable farm in the vicinity of Spencer. Hard working, thrifty, genial and progressive, Mr. West has a host of friends in this part of the county and is a valuable factor in community enterprise.

He was born in Huntington Township of Lorain County, October 17, 1859, a son of Turner and Lorena (Dimock) West. His paternal grandparents spent all their lives in the East. The maternal grandfather, William Dimock, moved to Medina County, Ohio, and thence to Cuyahoga County, where he spent his last years. He was a Baptist minister. Turner West was born in Connecticut, March 5, 1821, and died September 26, 1875. His wife was born in 1826 and died May 5, 1910. They were married in Medina County, Ohio. Soon after marriage they settled in Huntington Township, where for two years Turner West rented a farm, then bought some land, cleared it up, and though he started life at the bottom of the ladder he succeeded in acquiring a handsome competence represented by 266 acres of well improved farm lands. He attended the Baptist Church, of which his wife was an active member, and he actively supported the church and was a good Christian man, well read and well educated, and doing a useful part in life's affairs. He was a republican, though inclined to independence in voting. At one time he served as assessor and as township trustee. Edward H. West has two brothers: John, a retired farmer of Wellington Township; and J. O. West, also a retired farmer of the same township.

Mr. West received his early education in the district schools and started life on a farm. When quite young he went west to Colorado and invested all his savings in a gold mine. He lost the investment, and after that experience he decided that farming was the surest road to wealth. He spent four years in Kansas and his father died in that state, where at one time he owned over 200 acres of land. After his disastrous experience in mining, Mr. West worked for his brother by the month on the old homestead, and then bought the farm he now owns, comprising 154 acres of land. He has effected many improvements on his farm, has rebuilt his barn, repaired the residence, and now has one of the best rural homes in Huntington Township.

In 1882 he married Miss Edith Stroup, who was born in Spencer, Ohio, a daughter of John and Christina (Wood) Stroup, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Medina County, Ohio. Her father was an early settler at Spencer, where he conducted a hotel and also had a farm. Mr. and Mrs. West have two children. Florence is the wife of Perrins Brenenstul of New London, Ohio, a printer by trade. Blake is a conductor on the street railway lines in Elyria, married Treva Boice and has a daughter Constance, born June 1, 1912.

The family are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. West is affiliated with the Maccabees, and both he and his wife belong to the Grange. Politically he acts with the democratic party. In the way of public service he was for nine years a trustee of Huntington Township and filled the office of assessor for two years. He is now enjoying a well earned prosperity, and manages his good farm and conducts a small dairy.

Floyd M. Pelton. One of the oldest families of Lorain County is represented by Floyd M. Pelton, whose name and personal activities as a farmer and cattle breeder are well known to stockmen throughout Ohio. Mr. Pelton many years ago turned his attention to stock farming, at which he has made such a success as few men in the country might ever

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attain. He has demonstrated that his peculiar fitness among the world's workers has been for the development of farming and stock enterprise and through this avenue he has done his greatest service, not only to himself but to the world.

His is one of the fine country homesteads in La Grange Township. The 160 acres comprised in his farm is the southwest quarter of Lot 24, Range 17 West, Township 4 North. It is particularly noted as the home and breeding place of some of the finest thoroughbred Holstein Fresian stock in Ohio.

It was on this farm that Mr. Pelton was born June 18, 1860, a son of David C. and Mary (Tippin) Pelton. David C. Pelton was born in Jefferson County, New York, a son of James K. Pelton, who first came to Lorain County about 1824, and his family followed in 1833. They located in the eastern part of LaGrange Township, where James K. Pelton acquired about a hundred acres of land. David C. Pelton later bought sixty-six acres in the woods and the family lived for a number of years in a log cabin. This was subsequently replaced with a substantial frame building and another twelve acres was added to the homestead. David C. Pelton was the father of twenty children, only three of whom grew up, and Floyd M. is the only one still living. His sister Clarisa married A. E. Van Linder and left five daughters. The son Sylvester died when about seventeen years of age. David C. Pelton was about ninety years of age when he died, and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-three. He was a republican in politics.

Floyd M. Pelton grew up on the home farm, and gained his education in the country schools. Early in life he took a companion and helpmate whom he has always considered an essential factor in his substantial success. On June 18, 1879, he married Miss Charlotte Johnson, who was born in LaGrange Township September 15, 1864, a daughter of Elijah and Lydia (Haynes) Johnson. Her father was born in LaGrange Township, a son of Nathaniel and Rhoda (Crowner) Johnson. The Johnson family came to Ohio from New York State and located in LaGrange Township. Mrs. Pelton's father died when about seventy-six and her mother passed away at the age of sixty-five. Of the six Johnson children five grew up and four are still living. The son Bird died leaving a wife who before marriage bore the name of Lillie Woodmansee, and two children, Ford and Luella. The second in age is Mrs. Pelton. Lizzie, who married Merton Perkins, lives in Wellington and has three children, Flossie, Frank and Howard. Carrie is the wife of John White, and they live in Akron and have six children, Grace, Lydia, Archie, Herbert, Bessie and Lincoln. John, who lives in LaGrange Township, married Gertie Richards and has three children, Marion, Marjorie and Charlotte; and a son, Kenneth, who died aged about one year.

About thirteen years after his marriage Mr. Pelton bought eighty acres adjoining his father's farm, and that is included in his present estate. He took care of his parents during the last fourteen years of their lives, and then succeeded to the ownership of the farm where he was born and on which he spent his boyhood days.

Everything indicates the progressive nature of Mr. Pelton. There has never been a year in which he has not accomplished some improvement on his fine farm. It is one of the features of the landscape in Lorain County. One of the splendid buildings is the large barn covering a foundation 37 by 110 feet and with 20-foot posts. This barn has cement floors, a slate roof, and all facilities and equipments for handling of stock, for expeditious feeding, and it is one of the model barns of the county. In 1908 Mr. Pelton built a fine home. Another feature of the farm that deserves mention is a 160-ton silo, constructed in 1911.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Pelton began the breeding of registered

Holstein cattle. In fact he was the man who introduced this class of cattle into Lorain County, bringing two imported cows from Pennsylvania, and he was the first man to sell a bull in Ohio that brought more than a thousand dollars. A number of years ago he exhibited his stock at the county fairs, and won many prizes and trophies. On his farm is a splendid young bull from King of the Pontiacs for which he paid $750. In recent years Mr. Pelton has had three notable sales of stock. The first one, in which he sold forty-nine head, he received an average of $200 a head. The second sale comprised fifty-three head and brought an average of $180. In the spring of 1915 he sold thirty-eight head of cattle, and the average price was $165.

Through farm husbandry and stock raising Mr. Pelton has performed his best service to mankind. He has never been a seeker for official honors, though he is a steadfast and loyal republican. He and his wife and four of their daughters are active members of the Baptist Church.

There are six children. Cora, who graduated from the LaGrange High School, is the wife of Alonzo Jones of Penfield, Ohio, and they have a daughter named Dorothy. Mary, who also graduated from the LaGrange High School, married Mark Kelner of LaGrange, and their two sons are Aubrey and Malcolm. The daughter Clara is the wife of George Dague of LaGrange, and their three children are Byron, Celia and Maurice. Charles, who lives at home, has completed a technical education fitting him especially for the work of dairying, an industry which has reached considerable proportions on Mr. Pelton's farm, and he took a course in the Ohio State University where he specialized in the milk testing department. He married Treva Pierce and they now reside in Akron. The two younger children are Esther and David, the latter a freshman in the local high school.

David C. Pelton was married three times and was the father of twenty-one children. For his first wife he married Lydia Dodge and they had six children, four of whom lived to be named as follows: Maria, Martha, Mary and Charles, the last named coming to Ohio with his father and is now living in Illinois. The mother of these died, and in 1832 Mr. Pelton married, in New York, for his second wife Hannah Smith. By his second wife David Pelton had ten children: Lydia, Mrs. Charles Crowner, of La Grange, Ohio (now deceased); Mary, married to Manford Ripley, of Eaton County, Michigan (deceased); Clark, of Portland, Oregon (deceased); James K., of Waukesha, Wisconsin; John, of Rising Sun, Ohio (deceased); Grovener, enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Third Regiment, and died in hospital at Hickmans Bridge and was buried there; Adeline, Mrs. Edward Beaver, of La Grange, Ohio; Hannah, Mrs. Thomas Cornell, of Eaton County, Michigan; Elizabeth, Mrs. Laurence Van Wormer, of Elsie, Michigan (deceased); Winfield, a farmer of Eaton County, Michigan. The mother of these died June 30, 1852, and was buried in La Grange. For his third wife Mr. Pelton married Mrs. Mary (Tippin) Burns, widow of Thomas Burns. By this union there were five children, as follows: One who died in infancy unnamed; Clarisa, who married A. E. Vanlinder, and died in New York in 1885, leaving five children; Sylvester, who died young in 1864; Fredric, died of spotted fever when seven years old, and Floyd M., of this memoir.

George Simonson is one of the native sons of Lorain County who has found in farming a congenial and profitable vocation, and for a number of years he has carried on operations as a farmer and dairyman and at the same time has borne his share of responsibilities as a citizen of the community.

G. N. Snyder M.D.

He was born in Rochester Township of Lorain County, October 11, 1874, a son of Asa and Eliza (Shubers) Simonson. His father was born in New Jersey and his mother in Ashland County, Ohio, and they were married in Rochester Township of Lorain County. There were two children, and the daughter Emma is the wife of Charles Leach of Huntington Township. Asa Simonson was a democrat in politics, followed farming all his active career and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In Rochester Township he owned a good farm of 160 acres.

Mr. George Simonson grew up in Rochester Township and gained his education in the public schools. In 1895 he married Clara Jones of Huntington Township, daughter of Albert Jones, who was a carpenter by trade. To their marriage have been born five children: Claude, Harry, Donald, Pauline and George, all of whom are living at home. Mrs. Simonson is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Maccabees and the Grange and is a democrat in politics.

Most of the people in Wellington Township are familiar with the activities of his farm, which comprises 142 acres, and where he carries on general farming and a dairy business. He keeps some thoroughbred cattle of the Holstein breed, and he also raises some first class Percheron horses.

George N. Snyder, M. D. In 1868 a young man arrived in the community of LaGrange and after being engaged in the practice of medicine for a year and a half he taught school. He made a favorable impression whenever his services were requested in a professional line, and in the course of about a year and a half his practice had reached such proportions that it required all his time and he gave up teaching as a vocation. Since then for forty-eight years Doctor Snyder has been one of the leading physicians and surgeons in his section of Lorain County, and is also founder and proprietor of the principal drug store at LaGrange. He is a type of the kindly family physician, is a friend to all his patrons, and there is no citizen in that community who stands higher in popular regard and esteem.

He was born in Vermont July 8, 1845, a son of Hiram and Sophronia (White) Snyder, but about a year after his birth his parents moved to Ohio, lived in Medina County a time, and then went to Wood County, where the father acquired a farm. When Doctor Snyder was about ten years of age he returned to Medina County, and somewhat later went to Lorain County, where he attended country schools during the winter terms. Returning to Medina County he worked on a farm until he was about twenty years of age. At the age of eighteen, however, he had begun teaching country schools, and the earnings of his teachings during the winter he employed to pay his way as a student in summer sessions.

While teaching he took up the study of anatomy and physiology, and later entered the medical department of what is now the Western Reserve University, where he was graduated M. D. with the class of 1868. He was at that time twenty-two years of age, and he soon after located in LaGrange. There he taught school and practiced his profession until he had established a good practice.

On April 30, 1868, at Spencer, Medina County, Doctor Snyder married Miss Mary J. Welcher, who was born at Spencer November 21, 1847, a daughter of Jacob H. and Elizabeth (Wood) Welcher. Her father was born on a farm at Phelps, near Rochester, New York, June 29, 1803. After growing to manhood and marrying he came to Ohio about 1845, locating on a farm at Spencer in Medina County. Mr. Welcher served many years as county commissioner and as justice of the peace, was

also postmaster, and was a vigorous exponent of the temperance cause in his locality and did much temperance lecture work. Mrs. Snyder's mother died at Spencer in 1881, and in the same year her father moved to Hillsdale County, Michigan, where he died at the age of eighty-six, January 2, 1889.

Mrs. Snyder grew up in Medina County and had a common school education, also attended a select school for three or four years. Doctor and Mrs. Snyder have one son, Mark A. Snyder, who was born January 28, 1873. He has distinguished himself as a musician. He was graduated from the Union School at LaGrange, took up the study of music at home, and when hardly more than a boy in years became a teacher of that art. He studied music in the conservatory at Oberlin for five years, and then went abroad and continued his studies under some of the best masters of Europe at Berlin, Germany, for three years. Returning to America in 1897 he became an instructor of music at a conservatory in Springfield, Ohio, with which he remained six or seven years, and at the same time he was one of the members of the noted Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, a membership which in itself is a high distinction for any musician. Later he established a school of his own at Springfield, and is regarded as one of the leading music teachers in his section of the state. Mark A. Snyder was married at LaGrange June 11, 1898, to Miss Gertrude Schultz. They had met at Berlin, Germany, where Miss Schultz was born and reared. Mark A. Snyder and wife have three children: Mary Emilie, who was born in LaGrange May 13, 1899, and was graduated from the Wittenburg Academy in 1916; George W., born at Springfield, March 9, 1903; and Gertrude Amy, born at Springfield, March 29, 1906.

In 1875 Doctor Snyder established a drug store at LaGrange. The store was opened in a building which he had constructed and which is still standing. It is a two-story frame building 24 feet in front and 47 feet depth, and is a combination store and resident property, and it served as the home of Doctor Snyder and wife until February 10, 1899, when they moved into a commodious residence and store building which he also built.. Doctor Snyder is a registered pharmacist, while his wife is a registered assistant pharmacist.

A republican in politics, Doctor Snyder cast his first presidential ballot in 1868 for General Grant. While not an office seeker, he has twice served as postmaster of LaGrange, first to fill an unexpired term, and then by regular appointment for several years. He took his first degree in Masonry at LaGrange and has served as junior warden of LaGrange Lodge No. 399. He is a charter member of the Maccabees, and has been examining physician for that order since its organization. Mrs. Snyder's name was proposed as a charter member for the Chapter of the Eastern Star, but on account of ill health she was unable to take part in the initiation, and she never became a member of the order. Doctor Snyder at one time was a leader in the choir of the Baptist Church, and his wife also sang there, although neither has membership in the church. Mark A. Snyder also took his first degree in Masonry at LaGrange, and is now a Knight Templar in Springfield, and before going abroad took his chapter degrees at Elyria.

George C. Cassell. The record of George C. Cassell of Huntington Township, includes a service of upwards of twenty years as a teacher, but in recent years he has applied his energy with much success to the business of farming, and he is one of the substantial men in his part of Lorain County.

He was born in Ashland County, Ohio, December 9, 1871, a son of

Michael Cassell and Catherine (Marks) Cassell. His paternal grandparents were John and Margaret Cassell, who came from Pennsylvania and settled in Ashland County, being originally of German stock. The maternal grandparents were George and Sophia (Hartman) Marks, who were early settlers in Ashland County, Ohio. George Marks died quite young, when his daughter Catherine was three years old. Of the five children in the Marks family the three now living are: Mary Binehour of Wellington; Mrs. Catherine Cassell; and Hannah, wife of Christian Zahnley, formerly of Ashland County, but now living on a farm in Kansas.

The late Michael Cassell, who was born in Orange Township, Ashland County, May 12, 1848, passed away January 26, 1916, aged sixty-seven years nine months fourteen days. He was the youngest of the ten children of his parents. Three of these children died very young. Three of his brothers, John, George and Frederick served in the Civil war. John went through the war and was one of the victims of the ill-fated steamer Sultana, which was sunk in the Mississippi River in 1865, while carrying home a large number of discharged soldiers from the South. George is still living in Ashland County, and Frederick is a resident of Sandusky. Of the daughters in the family Sophia, Lanah and Barbara died several years before Michael. When his brothers went to the war Michael remained with his mother and assumed many of the responsibilities connected with the farm. At the age of fourteen he went to Mansfield and enlisted as a soldier, but his brother George at once wrote home and secured his release. Michael Cassell made a success as a farmer, and about 1899 bought a farm in Huntington Township, and at the time of his death owned an estate of 312 acres. He was a democrat and for a number of years served as trustee and assessor. When only a boy he joined the United Brethren Church and remained steadfast in that faith until his death. He was a man of many commendable qualities, faithful to duty whether private or public, was devoted to his home and family, and performed all the numerous responsibilities which come to a good citizen with credit to himself. In Ashland County on April 2, 1868, he married Miss Catherine Marks, who was born in Ashland County, December 16, 1849, and is still living. She became the mother of twelve children, and the oldest child, Clara, died in 1887, and the daughter Mary passed away in 1891. Those still living are: John, who is assistant postmaster at New London, Ohio; George C.; Richard Addison, who conducts the home farm in Huntington Township for his mother; Charles, who also lives at home with his mother; Clyde, a farmer at Homerville in Medina County; Mort, at home; Mrs. L. B. Crittenden, wife of the foreman for the General Electric Company in Shelby, Ohio; Mrs. W. H. Linderman, of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Lyle Wolfe, whose husband is connected with the Goodyear Rubber Company at Akron; and Mrs. Lee White, wife of a farmer in Sullivan, Ohio.

George C. Cassell grew up in Ashland County, and largely by his own efforts acquired a liberal education. He attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and also the college at Wooster, but on account of illness did not remain to graduate. When quite young he was qualified and began teaching and continued that profession in Ashland and Lorain counties for about twenty years. Since then he has been farming and he also owns a saw and grist mill.

In 1899 he married Lucy May Nimocks, a daughter of Edgar Nimocks, a well known farmer in Huntington Township. Mr. and Mrs. Cassell are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are very active in church affairs. He is now superintendent of the Sunday school.

Fraternally he is record keeper for the Knights of the Maccabees, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which his father was at one time a member, and is also a member of the Grange. Politically he is a democrat, and exercises considerable influence in local affairs. He has served as clerk and treasurer and health officer of the township.

ANDREW J. JACKSON. Much attention is paid to that type of business man who makes a specialty of reorganizing run down plants and rehabilitating industrial enterprises that have been mismanaged. A place of equal usefulness is that of the practical agriculturist who finds his province and sphere of activity in reorganizing old farms and putting into effect a system of efficiency which restores the fertility and value of the land.

In this class one of the best examples in Lorain County is Andrew J. Jackson, who is proprietor of Riverside Villa, a ninety-six acre farm about two and a half miles south of Elyria on the Grafton and Elyria Pike at Stop No. 12 on the Interurban Railway. Mr. Jackson has made somewhat of a specialty of giving vitality to misused acres and is well known in several communities in this section of Ohio.

He was born on a farm in Elyria Township three miles north of Elyria March 9, 1854, a son of James W. and Samantha (Cheney) Jackson. Both his parents were natives of New York State, where they grew up and married, and later came from Buffalo to Cleveland by boat and secured a small farm in Elyria Township, where the father spent the rest of his days. It was on that farm that Andrew J. Jackson grew to manhood, had a fair common school education, and was with his father until the age of twenty-one. He had strength, self-reliance, industry and with experience he soon became very competent in handling all kinds of matters connected with farm industry. He started out on his own account as a farm laborer, and did different lines of work. During one summer of his early manhood he was in Minnesota, and another summer he spent in the copper regions of northern Michigan.

On December 15, 1885, at Elyria, Mr. Jackson married Miss Lucy E. Ives of Columbia Township, Lorain County, daughter of Ambrose and Mary J. (Lapham) Ives. Mrs. Jackson was reared and given a good common school education.

For five years after his marriage Mr. Jackson worked by the year in Eaton Township, and then took a farm on the shares, looking after one place for two years, and then following that was on another farm for ten years. In the meantime he had bought 109 acres in Eaton Township, though he never occupied it as his home. In the fall of 1902 Mr. Jackson bought his present place. Here in particular his work as a farm manager has been exemplified. Both the land and the buildings had been badly neglected, and in the past fifteen years he has remodeled practically every feature of the farm and has introduced improvements so as to make it one of the most valuable and attractive estates in Lorain County. In 1905 he sunk a gas well and now has heat and light for all his buildings while his residence includes such modern comforts and facilities as bathroom, running water, electric power system for pumping water and all his buildings are wired for electricity. He has also laid more than three carloads of tile on his land.

An important feature of his farm industry is dairying, and he has also been successful in raising grain. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have two sons: Jay C., who was born in Eaton Township August 12, 1887, was given a good education, and is now living in Youngstown, Ohio. This son has been twice married. He first married in Lorain County

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Miss Frances Prindle and by her has one son named Theodore. His second wife was Blanche Pickard of Youngstown. Mr. Jackson's second son is Ray, who had two years in high school and is a successful young farmer in Eaton Township. He married Miss Fern Sayles and they have two children, named Lawrence and Doris Lillian.

Mr. Jackson is a republican, having cast his first vote for Hayes in 1876. He has never sought any office and has done his duty most thoroughly by looking after his own interests. His wife is a member of the Disciples Church.

G. A. Hart is one of the men who are carrying out the farm enterprise of Wellington Township. He is now one of the prosperous and successful citizens of that locality, but gained his prosperity by hard work beginning in early boyhood, and has seldom failed to improve an opportunity.

He was born in Union City, Ohio, January 28, 1860, a son of John and Sarah (Stull) Hart. His paternal grandfather, Elijah Hart, with six brothers, served in the War of 1812. Not long after the close of that struggle and when Northern Ohio was still a wilderness he came to Mansfield when that now thriving city had only three houses. His permanent location was made at Petersburg near Mansfield, where for many years he was the principal shoemaker. He followed that trade when it was the custom for the shoemakers to travel about the country from house to house, stopping long enough at each place to make up all the footwear required by the family. He lived a long and useful life and passed away at the age of ninety-seven. John and Sarah Hart took up a farm where Union City now stands, but finally moved to Ashland County, Ohio, and from there to Mansfield, where John Hart died. He was a plumber by trade, and followed it for a number of years. He enjoyed a good deal of prosperity, but for some years before his death was an invalid and spent most of his means in an effort to recover his health. He was an active democrat in politics. His widow died in April, 1916, at Mansfield, at the age of ninety-one years three months and eleven days. She was a member of the United Brethren Church. There were seven children: Tillie, wife of Henry Brinkman, a well to do retired citizen at Sandusky; Samantha, widow of Charles Fiddler; G. A. Hart; Ida, wife of Charles Beaver of Mansfield; Anna, wife of Mr. O'Connor, a fur cutter at Detroit; Agnes, who is living at Detroit, a widow; and William, a blacksmith at Mansfield.

G. A. Hart received most of his education in the district schools of Ashland County. He lived five miles from the schoolhouse, and walked back and forth nearly every night and morning. While he was still a boy his father suffered an injury which made it necessary for the son to leave school and begin work for his own living. For some years he worked on a farm and took any job which would enable him to earn an honest two bits. For a time he drove a dray in Mansfield. By keeping everlastingly at it he was able to acquire a modest capital, and for a number of years has been on a solid plane of prosperity. In 1900 he bought his fine farm in Huntington Township, where he now owns fifty-two acres and also forty-two acres of land in another place. His chief business is general farming. For a number of years he has also conducted a contracting business in teaming in this county. He hauled a large quantity of the stone for the making of the improved roads in this county. At the same time he has invested much in improvements on his farm, and among other up to date features he has a fine silo.

On April 24, 1882, Mr. Hart married Martha Brouse, daughter of Henry and Anna (Collins) Brouse. Her mother was born in England,

Her father was born near Doylestown, Ohio, was a carpenter and brick mason in early life, and is now retired and living at Spencer, Ohio. Mrs. Hart received her early education in Penfield Township of Lorain County. They have one son, William, who is now thirty-three years of age and is single and lives at home with his parents. Mrs. Hart is an active member of the Methodist Church, while he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is a republican.

C. C. Finkel. One of the best known families of Huntington Township is represented by C. C. Finkel, a young business man of that section, actively associated with his father, Peter Finkel. Their operations as threshermen, machinists and farmers have long been thoroughly appreciated in that section.

C. C. Finkel was born in Huntington Township of Lorain County, June 7, 1885. His father, Peter Finkel, was born in Washington County, Ohio, February 19, 1852, a son of Peter and Lena Finkel. Both the grandparents were natives of Germany, and they lived in Marietta, Ohio, for a number of years. Peter Finkel, Sr., and wife were members of the Catholic Church, and in politics he was a democrat. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that for a number of years, but he also conducted a small farm in Washington Township. Peter Finkel, Sr., was born in 1801 and died in 1868. Before leaving the old country he served a time in the German army. His wife was born in 1827 and died in 1886. Their seven children were: Henry, who is connected with the timber industry in the State of Washington; Peter Finkel; Frank, a rancher in the State of Washington; Charles, a farmer at Beverly, Ohio; Adam, a farmer and carpenter in Huntington Township; Joseph, a brick mason and builder at Marietta, Ohio; Tracy, wife of George Lawrence, a farmer.

Peter Finkel, Jr., who was born February 19, 1852, received his early education in the district schools of his native county and started out as a farmer. He removed to Huntington Township in 1883, and for a time was employed on a farm. For a number of years he has operated a hay press and threshing machine, and he also owns two houses and lots and a small tract of land in Huntington Township. He is a democrat, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1877 he married Clara Miller, daughter of George W. Miller. Mrs. Finkel was born in Washington County, Ohio. Her seven children are: Dudley, who was born July 28, 1878, and is a farmer in Huntington Township; Lillian, born March 24, 1880, and the wife of E. A. Wheeler; Helena, born May 14, 1882, wife of J. B. Berry, who follows concrete construction work; C. C. Finkel; Stella, who was born March 31, 1887, and is the wife of William Sharp, employed in the hoop mills at Columbus; Cora, born September 9, 1889, and the wife of Alfred Fuller, a farmer at Spencer, Ohio; and Edward R., born August 20, 1892.

C. C. Finkel received his early education in Huntington Township, where he was born, and for a number of years followed farming as a regular occupation. He is now associated with his father in the season when threshing and hay pressing are done, and he also owns a good farm. As a citizen he is now serving his second term as township trustee. He is an active democrat, a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, in which order he has filled the various chairs, and also belongs to the Grange.

In 1909 he married Ethel Bliss, who was born in Huntington Township. Their two children are Eunice and Kenneth, the former six and the latter three years of age.

Conrad Filch

CONRAD ZILCH. One of the younger business men of Amherst who has distinguished himself by a remarkable amount of progressiveness and enterprise is Conrad Zilch, who is an expert undertaker and embalmer and is manager of the principal undertaking and furniture house of the city.

He has reached an independent position in business affairs when only a little more than thirty years of age. He was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County February 18, 1885, a son of Henry C. and Mary (Hilderbrand) Zilch. Both parents were natives of Germany and his grandparents all died in that country. His grandfather, George Zilch, reached the venerable age of ninety-two years. The maternal grandparents both died at the age of forty-nine from typhoid fever. Henry C. Zilch was born in 1850 and died January 29, 1899. His wife was born May 4, 1852, and is still living. They came to this country when young people and were married in Brownhelm Township. Henry C. Zilch was a very industrious man and for a number of years worked as a quarryman and died from stonecutter's consumption. By hard work he established a home, provided for his large family of children, and had a good thirty-acre farm all paid for before his death. He was a democrat and he and his wife members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their nine children eight are still living: Werner, in the grocery business at Brownhelm; Anna, wife of E. C. Waugh, in the transfer business at Lorain; George J., a farmer in Brownhelm; Conrad; Rose E., who was deaf and dumb and was graduated from the Deaf and Dumb Institute, and a few years ago was killed in an automobile and street car accident; Marie is the wife of Elmer Fulmer, a farmer in Eaton Township; Benjamin, in the automobile business at Lorain; Katie, wife of William Grobe of Amherst; and Amelia, who has a clerical position in Elyria. Mrs. Henry Zilch married for her first husband John Miller, and their two sons, Carl and William J. Miller, are successful farmers in Brownhelm Township.

After his early education, acquired in the district and high schools of Brownhelm Township, Conrad Zilch found employment on a farm, and then laid the foundation of his business career by experience in the furniture business with the Wickens Company at Lorain. He also studied embalming at Cleveland under P. A. Hayden. After three years of work in his profession and in the business at Lorain, he established the Amherst Furniture Company on May 1, 1913. He is secretary and manager of this concern, and has been the mainspring of its very prosperous career since establishment.

April 19, 1908, Mr. Zilch married Louisa Bouis. She was born at Lorain, a daughter of Charles Bouis, a carpenter. To their union has been born one daughter, Mildred, on November 23, 1911. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Amherst and Mr. Zilch is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Knights and Ladies of Security, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, in which he is a trustee, and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a republican.

EDWARD F. WEBSTER. For many years a successful business man of Lorain County, Edward F. Webster represents the pioneer Webster stock at Wellington, and there is hardly a family in Lorain County whose work and influence have been more valuable in the upbuilding of that section of the county during the past 100 years.

He is in the eighth generation in the direct line from Governor John Webster of Connecticut and Massachusetts. John and Agnes Webster came from Warwickshire, England, to Massachusetts Bay in 1633. He

was made a freeman in 1634, and in 1636 moved with Rev. Mr. Hooker's party to Hartford, Connecticut, where he was among the first settlers. He was prominent in official affairs at Hartford, serving as magistrate or judge, as lieutenant governor and in 1656 as governor of the colony, being the fifth incumbent of that office. On account of a church controversy at Hartford, he and fifty-eight other members of the society withdrew, and in 1659 most of them settled at Hadley on the Connecticut River. John Webster in 1660 was appointed one of the judges or commissioners of the courts, but died there April 5, 1661. One of his descendants was the great lexicographer, Noah Webster, who erected a monument to the memory of Governor Webster.

Thomas Webster, a son of Governor John, married Abigail Alexander, and their fourth child and second son was John, whose first wife was named Elizabeth and whose second wife was Grace Loomis. In 1699 he became one of the first settlers at Lebanon, Connecticut. His fourth child and third son by his first marriage was Thomas Webster of the fourth generation. Thomas married Lydia Lyman and moved to Bolton, Connecticut, in 1751. Their seventh child and fifth son was David of the fifth generation, who married Mary Wilcox. Their third child and first son was David of the sixth generation. David married Hannah Post. The second child and first son of David and Hannah was Russel Bidwell Webster, who represented the seventh generation and was the father of Edward F. Webster. He was born April 25, 1799, at Otis, Massachusetts, had an education in the common schools and the academy at Lennox, Massachusetts, and in 1820 started west for Ohio, carrying a fifty-pound pack on his back all the way from Otis to Wellington. He was a man of remarkable physical endurance. During the last days of his journey he walked forty miles in a snowstorm with snow nearly a foot deep at the close of day. Arriving in Wellington Township he bought 100 acres, cleared it and erected a log building. But before performing any other duties connected with the making of a pioneer home he interested himself in the establishment of regular or stated religious meetings in the neighborhood. Though not a church man himself, he was thoroughly imbued with the religious training of his youth and believed that one of the first essentials in the settlement of a new country was a religious organization and suitable observance of the Sabbath. While his instant zeal in behalf of religious institutions was perhaps somewhat unusual, he was on the whole only a type of that class of citizens who as pioneers laid the foundation for civilization in Lorain County. He had come to this country not only to make himself a home but also to blaze the way for his father and the family. The first to join him was his sister Betsey, the wife of Josiah B. Manley, and about 1822 they joined him in Wellington, and Mr. Manley's was the first death to occur in the neighborhood. In 1823 his parents, David and Hannah Webster, and their sons Oliver and William and their daughter Mary arrived in the Wellington neighborhood. David Webster was an active church member in Massachusetts, but it was not until the family came into the woods of Ohio that his wife and children joined the church. In 1824 Russel B. Webster returned to Massachusetts and married Orpha Hunter. She was born at Otis, Massachusetts, November 26, 1799. In the spring of 1825 the young bride accompanied her husband to Wellington, their household goods being on a wagon drawn by oxen. E. F. Webster has in his possession two old mirrors brought by his father and grandfather from Massachusetts, and also the Webster bible which was printed in 1712. David Webster died at the age of ninety-six and his wife Hannah at the age of eighty-four.

In 1870 Russel B. Webster and wife removed from the farm to the

Village of Wellington, and spent the rest of their days with their son Edward. Russel died January 31, 1881, and his wife Orpha on April 2, 1882. The first frame house in Wellington was constructed by Russel B. Webster. He was one of the most active citizens of that community in the early days, and was as strong in character as he was in physical ability and endurance. He and his wife had nine children. Samuel H., born September 15, 1825, afterwards became a very prominent merchant and influential citizen at Shelbyville, Illinois, and died July 10, 1905; he married, January 21, 1856, Lucy A. Jagger, who died September 12, 1898, the mother of five children. E. Bidwell Webster, born April 21, 1827, was a civil engineer and died at Wellington, September 7, 1856. He married, January 21, 1854, Lucy Billings, who died September 7, 1857. M. Leander Webster, born January 27, 1829, also moved to Shelbyville, Illinois, served three years as captain of a company in the Seventh Regiment of Illinois Cavalry, afterwards moved to Iowa, and died there May 4, 1900, a wound received during his military service having contributed to his death. He married, May 31, 1882, Emma J. Windell. David Philander Webster, born November 5, 1830, died May 9, 1832. Philander R. Webster, born February 10, 1833, also served as captain of an Illinois Company during the war, and died April 14, 1884, as a result of injuries received during his service; he married, April 15, 1862, Eleanor M. Bryant. William W. Webster, born November 26, 1835, went to Colorado in 1859, became president of the Upper House of the first Territorial Legislature and afterwards was chairman of the committee for statehood, and it was at his suggestion that Colorado was admitted in 1876 instead of January, 1877, and thus its electoral vote was given to R. B. Hayes. He spent his last years in Pasadena, California, and by his marriage, on February 4, 1873, to Mary I. Bryan, had three children. Elvira Loret, born January 4, 1838, died accidentally December 16, 1840. Edward F. Webster, the eighth child of his parents, was born April 24, 1840. Leveret F. Webster, the youngest of the children, was born December 3, 1842, and died as the result of an accident, January 29, 1861.

Edward F. Webster spent his early youth in Lorain County, and August 26, 1861, enlisted as a private in Company H of the Second Regiment of Ohio Cavalry. He was made a corporal, and a year later was transferred to the Twenty-fifth Independent Ohio Battery, made up of details of the Second Regiment, and became fifth corporal of the battery, subsequently first sergeant, first lieutenant, and during the last year of the war was on the staff of Maj. Gen. J. J. Reynolds as chief ordnance officer of the department of Arkansas. He veteranized at Little Rock, January 4, 1864, previous to his last promotion, and was discharged December 12, 1865, after having been at the front over four years. He served successively under the command of Generals Schofield, Blount, Herron, Davidson, Steele and Reynolds.

On returning to Lorain County after the war, Captain Webster, in the spring of 1868, became associated with Starr & Horr, cheese manufacturers. One year later the firm was reorganized as Horr, Warner & Company and Captain Webster was made a partner in the business. For many years this was the largest cheese manufacturing concern in the West, operating as many as twenty-five factories. The firm also acquired a number of vegetable farms, the farm department being conducted by Wean, Horr, Warner & Company and the cheese department under the title of Horr, Warner & Company. In 1897 both departments were consolidated as Horr-Warner Company, with Mr. Webster as president of the corporation.

As a resident of Wellington Mr. Webster has been one of the most

influential citizens, served twenty-four years continuously as a member of its board of education, and president of the board for fifteen years, and has been a trustee of the Wellington Public Library since 1896, and much of the time as president. He joined the First Congregational Church in 1868. He is also a member of the Ohio Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

On December 3, 1870, Captain Webster married Flora Ladd, who was born at Danville, Vermont, May 18, 1846, a daughter of Edward and Sophia (Gooking) Ladd. Of their three children, Florence, who was born April 24, 1873, died February 10, 1887. The son Leveret F. was born January 8, 1875. Edward F., Jr., born January 1, 1877, died September 16, 1906, a few months after his marriage to Ora Mae Foote.

A. E. Stiwald. For half a century A. E. Stiwald has been one of the sterling and useful citizens of Lorain County, and his activities and service have covered a varied field. When a boy his public spirit was manifested by his service in the Union army during the Civil war, and more or less ever since he has shared his time with the public welfare.

At the present time Mr. Stiwald gives all his time and energies to the administration of the Amherst postoffice. He was appointed postmaster October 21, 1915, and has filled the office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the patronage of the local office.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 15, 1842. His parents, Michael George and Marie (Fox) Stiwald, were both born in Bavaria, Germany. His father died in 1846. His mother, who was born in 1798, died in 1883. They were married in Germany, but in 1836 emigrated to America and settled in Cleveland. The father, a miller by trade, followed that line in Cleveland until his death. He came to the United States with nothing, and made excellent use of his opportunities and provided well for his family before he died. He was the son of a prominent German land owner, miller and hotel proprietor, who also served as mayor or burgomaster of his home town. Though he accumulated considerable wealth, he lost it all by the dishonesty of a son-in-law, and thus it was that his son, Michael George, had to come to America to build up his individual fortune without any capital to start with. The family were members of the Catholic Church. A. E. Stiwald was one of six children and the only other one still living is his brother Conrad, who lives on a farm in Lorain County.

Owing to the fact that his father died when A. E. Stiwald was four years of age, he had limited advantages in the way of schooling and early contributed his labors to the support of his widowed mother and the household. He was just twenty years of age when, on August 15, 1862, he enlisted in Company G of the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry and later with the Fourteenth Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps. He was with that regiment in all its campaigns, marches and engagements, until honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., July, 1865, with the rank of first duty sergeant. Most of his service was in the East in the army of the Potomac, and a complete record of his military service would include many of the notable engagements of that army. He was slightly wounded in the battle of Chancellorsville, and he also participated in the great and decisive three days' battle at Gettysburg. Mr. Stiwald has always been a popular member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and served as commander of his local post for six years.

After the war he returned to Ohio and went on a little farm with his mother near Avon for four years. He then moved to Amherst, and in January, 1870, with his brother, Conrad, engaged in the cigar and

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tobacco business both as retailers and as cigar manufacturers. He continued in that line until 1880, when desiring a business less confining he sold his interests and took a more active outdoor life. Mr. Stiwald now owns some land within the city corporation of Amherst.

Few men in that part of the county have been more frequently honored with public offices of trust and responsibility. He served as township trustee fourteen years, was assessor three years, was village clerk fourteen years, justice of the peace ten years, clerk of the school board and for almost nineteen years filled the post of mayor in Amherst. He has held chairs in the lodges of Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a democrat in politics and he and his family attend the local churches, though they are not regular members.

In 1865 Mr. Stiwald married Sarah Ann Jaycox. She was born in Lorain County, and died in 1869. In August, 1878, Mr. Stiwald married Maria White, who was born in England. To their union were born six children, all of whom are living but one: Florence E., who died in 1910; Earl C., a painter at Amherst; Maria G., wife of M. B. Schaffer, who lives at Amherst, but is employed in the steel plant at Lorain; Grace E., wife of Harry Nicholl, with the Guardian Savings & Trust Company of Cleveland, Ohio; Allen G., a contractor at Amherst; and A. J. Stiwald, who is connected with an industry at Elyria but resides in Amherst.

Frank D. Warren. It was in pioneer times that the Warren family established its home within the wilds of the present County of Lorain. They were of the finest class of people, God-fearing, industrious, independent, and well fitted for the trials and privations of frontier life. Of such an ancestry honorable in all things is descended Frank D. Warren, long one of the prominent citizens of Wellington Township and for some years living retired in the village of that name. He made his success as a farmer and still has a share in the landed possessions of this county.

He was born on a farm in Wellington Township, November 28, 1848, a son of Luther D. and Laura (Wait) Warren. His father was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, March 2, 1813, a son of Benjamin Warren, Jr., who was born April 19, 1772, just four years before the first battle of the Revolutionary war. Benjamin Warren, Jr., married Lucy Burr of Norfolk, Connecticut. It was in 1831 that he brought his family out to Wellington Township, at a time when only thirteen families resided in the entire town. Benjamin Warren was an industrious farmer, and spent the rest of his days in Lorain County. The Warrens are old American stock and the first ancestor came to America as early as 1650. Luther D. Warren was eighteen years of age when he came to Lorain County, and being strong and vigorous he took his full share in those tasks and responsibilities which confronted the early settlers. He acquired and developed a good farm in Wellington Township, and died there in 1886. In matters of political interest he affiliated with the whigs in early life and afterwards as a republican. His wife, Laura Wait, was born in Fredonia, New York, February 6, 1814, and she also died in 1886. Of three children the two living are Frank D. and Walter D., the latter a hardware merchant at Wellington.

Frank D. Warren as a boy attended school district No. 4 in Wellington Township, and for one winter was a student in a business college at Oberlin. After his marriage he spent thirty-three years on one farm, and in 1904 retired and has since lived in the Village of Wellington. However, he still owns a farm of 136 acres, and it is one of the leading dairy farms of the county.

In December, 1870, Mr. Warren married Metta Sage, a daughter of Samuel Lewis and Elizabeth (Wolcott) Sage. Her father was born in Milford, Connecticut, April 20, 1827, and died in 1890, while her mother was born in New York State in 1830 and died in 1890. Her parents were married in Huntington Township. Mrs. Warren is a granddaughter of Rev. H. P. Sage, a minister of the Universalist faith and prominent in the early history of Lorain County. She is a great-granddaughter of Joseph Sage, who at one time owned half of Huntington Township, but he lived only a short time in the county, returning to the East to spend his later years. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have one daughter, Ella E., now the wife of R. H. Clifford, a mechanical engineer at Tiffin, Ohio. Mrs. Warren is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is also identified with the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Warren is a member of the Grange and held all the offices in that order. Politically he is a republican, served as township trustee for a number of years, was secretary and treasurer of the Agricultural Society, and has been a member of the city council at Wellington.

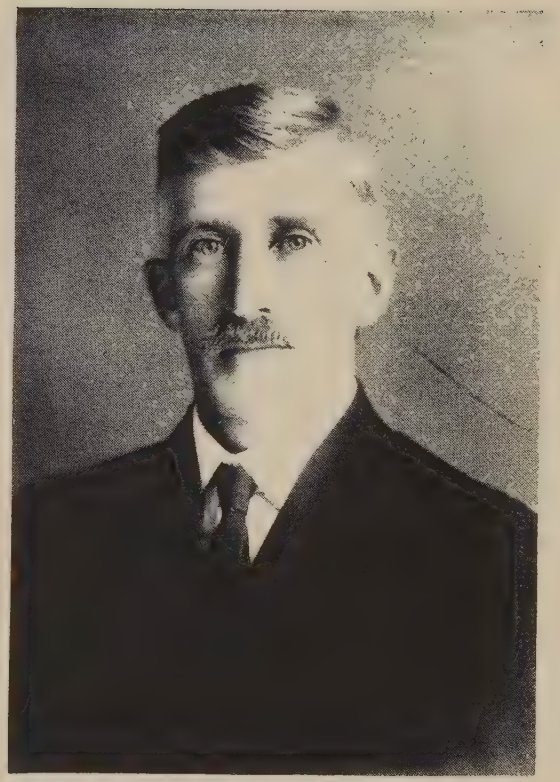
William Loveland. A Lorain County farm that represents many of the ideals in the way of cultivation, productiveness, arrangement and equipment is that of William Loveland of Wellington.

His farm contains seventy acres, and it exemplifies diversified agriculture. He grows the standard crops of this section, and has always followed the plan of feeding his crops on his own land. In the fifteen years he has lived there Mr. Loveland has effected many improvements, both in the buildings and in the management of his fields, and he has found a great deal of profit in dairying. He keeps a herd of twenty, and twelve of them are thoroughbred Holsteins.

He was born in Brighton Township of Lorain County, September 25, 1861, a son of Linas and Martha (Hogal) Loveland. His grandfather, Lorin Loveland, came to Lorain County in pioneer times, and spent his life in Brighton Township. The Lovelands in America are all descended from three brothers, Thomas, William and John, who came from England and located in the eastern states. Mr. Loveland's maternal grandfather, Henry Hogal, was born in New York State, where he married Eleanor Ann Woodward, and then came to Lorain County and spent the rest of his days in Brighton Township.

Linas Loveland was born in Watertown, New York, while his wife was born in Freedom, Ohio, and they were married at Ravenna, this state. Linas Loveland was brought to Lorain County when a boy of nine years, and during his youth he helped clear up a farm out of the wilderness. At the time of his death he was the oldest resident of Brighton Township. He was a democrat in politics, served as a trustee a number of terms, and he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church. At the time of his death he left an estate of ninety acres. Of the ten children, seven are now living: Charles, a mechanic living in Columbus, Ohio; Jay, of Columbus, Mississippi; William; Welby, whose home is on a farm in Wellington Township; Addie, who is unmarried and lives at Wellington; Leon, of Wellington; and Alda, who is a trained nurse.

William Loveland grew up on a farm, gained his education in the district schools, and has always applied his energies and labors to the vocation for which he was trained as a boy. He remained at home with his father until he was twenty-one, and then worked out by the month and afterwards rented land, and thus by degrees and by much self-denial and hard work put himself in a position to own and enjoy a place of his



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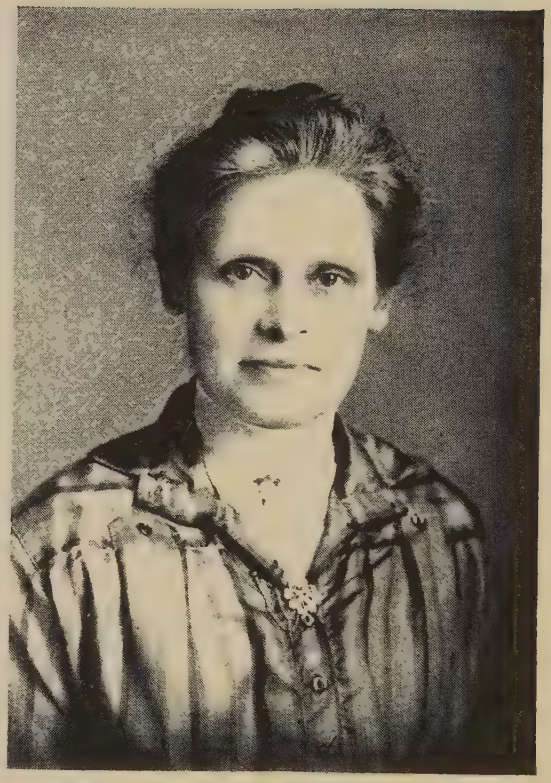

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own. In 1901 he bought his present farm, and has since given all his time to its cultivation and management.

On March 14, 1891, Mr. Loveland married Grace H. West, daughter of Frank West, who is still living at Wellington, and has followed the trades of shoemaker and cheesemaker. Mr. and Mrs. Loveland have a daughter, Alice, who is now in school. Both are members of the Methodist Church and very active in its affairs, and Mr. Loveland is a republican.

TERRY C. WHITNEY. A scion of the third generation of the Whitney family in Lorain County, he whose name initiates this article is one of the substantial farmers of his native county, and as a citizen is well upholding the prestige of a name that has been closely and worthily linked with the history of this section of the Buckeye State for nearly eighty years. His well improved farm, comprising 150 acres, is an intregal portion of the valuable landed estate left by his father and is most eligibly situated in Pittsfield Township, about four miles from the city of Oberlin.

Mr. Whitney was born in Pittsfield Township, this county, on the 12th of October, 1864, and is a son of Augustine and Nancy (West) Whitney, the former of whom was born at Peru, Vermont, in 1820, and the latter of whom was born in Wellington Township, Lorain County, Ohio, in 1833, her father, Oliver West, having been a native of Massachusetts and having become one of the pioneer settlers of Lorain County, Ohio, where he continued to hold place as an honored and influential citizen until the time of his death. Augustine Whitney gained his early education in the old Green Mountain State and was about seventeen years of age when, in 1837, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Lorain County, Ohio. He was a son of Joseph Whitney, who was born in Massachusetts and who was a sterling pioneer of Lorain County, where he purchased a tract of land and reclaimed a productive farm; he continued his residence in this county until his death, at the patriarchal age of ninety-two years, and his name merits enduring place on the historical records which mark with due approbation the lives and labors of those who assisted greatly in the development and upbuilding of Lorain County in the formative period of its civic and industrial progress. Augustine Whitney was about eighty-three years of age at the time of his death, which occurred in 1903, his devoted wife having passed away in 1896. Of their three children the eldest is Ada, who is the wife of Arthur M. Sherburne, a substantial farmer of Lorain County; Terry C., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; and Mrs. Luna True, who is a widow, maintains her home in the city of Massillon, Stark County, Ohio. Augustine Whitney was a man of broad mental ken, of high principles and of exceptional business acumen. He became one of the leading agriculturists and stock-growers of Lorain County, and at the time of his death was the owner of a valuable landed estate of about 400 acres in this county, besides which he had become the owner of land in various western states. He was a stalwart advocate of the principles of the republican party, was liberal and public-spirited as a citizen and was called upon to serve in various township offices, besides being otherwise influential in community affairs. Both he and his wife were zealous members of the Congregational Church at Pittsfield, and their memory is revered by all who came within the sphere of their kindly influence.

Terry C. Whitney early gained familiarity with the various details of work incidental to the cultivation and other operations of the home farm and his preliminary education, acquired in the district schools

of his native township, was supplemented by his attending the public schools of Oberlin and a commercial college in that city. He continued to be associated with the work and management of his father's farm until 1886, when, within a short time after attaining to his legal majority, he became associated with the milling business in Oberlin, where he remained thus engaged for five years. For fifteen years thereafter he was identified with business activities in the city of Cleveland and at the time of his father's death, in 1903, he returned to Lorain County, where he has since been the owner of 150 acres of his father's estate, in Pittsfield Township. This homestead is one of the fine farms of the county, is improved with excellent buildings and is devoted to diversified agriculture, to the dairy business and to the raising of excellent grades of live stock.

Mr. Whitney is one of the active and influential members of the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and both he and his wife are members of its auxiliary organization. He has served as a member of the school board but has manifested no predilection for public office and is independent in his political proclivities, giving his support to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, irrespective of partisan dictates. He is prominently affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, and while a resident of Cleveland he was a representative to the Ohio Grand Council of that order. He and his wife hold membership in the Congregational Church, and Mr. Whitney has been clerk of the Congregational Society in Pittsfield Township for the past six years. This is one of the oldest church societies in the county. The family is prominent and popular in connection with the representative social life of the community.

In September, 1894, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Whitney to Miss Margaret Turton, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Turton, of Cleveland. Her parents were born in England and her father became a leading painter and contractor in Cleveland, where he continued to reside until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney have two sons and two daughters, all of whom remain at the parental home and all of whom were born in Cleveland except the youngest, who is a native of Lorain County, their names being here entered in respective order of birth: Lois, Clarence, Marion and Russell.

Lewis Fisher has occupied his present fine farm home near Wellington since 1907, and in that time has brought to a fine state of perfection his homestead. He has proved himself upright and honorable in citizenship and business dealings, and is one of the vigorous men who are now carrying the burdens of agricultural management in Lorain County.

A native of Michigan, he was born in Barry County, September 27, 1866, a son of O. L. and Sarah (Ledyard) Fisher. Both parents were natives of Lorain County, the father born in Brighton Township in 1841 and the mother in 1847, and both are still living. Of their two children, the daughter is Mrs. Erva Barnes of Norwalk, Ohio. Mrs. Sarah Fisher is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and her husband is a republican. He served in the First Ohio Light Artillery for three years during the Civil war, but without exception has spent practically all his life as a farmer and now owns and occupies a fine place of 127 acres in Huntington Township. His father, Danford Fisher, was a native of New England and came to Lorain County in the early days. The maternal grandfather, Hiram Ledyard, was a native of Pennsylvania, moved first to Portage County, Ohio, and afterwards to Lorain County,

where he died at the advanced age of ninety-three, his last fifteen years having been spent in blindness.

Lewis Fisher grew up on a farm, had a practical education, and at an early day identified himself with farming pursuits. On November 1, 1899, he married Miss Mary Fay, who was born in Rochester Township of Lorain County, a daughter of John and Ann (Meach) Fay. The Fays were early settlers in Rochester Township, Lorain County, as were also the Meach family. One member of the Meach family, Jarvis Meach, gained considerable note by his heroic action by killing two robbers who tried to get his money. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have three children: Ruth, Herbert and Marjorie, all of whom are in school. Mrs. Fisher is an active member of the Congregational Church.

Politically Mr. Fisher is a republican. Since leaving school he has gone continuously ahead working out his own salvation, and in 1907 he bought his present farm in order to settle up an estate. He has 142 acres, a fine brick house, does considerable dairying, and is enjoying the prosperity which he so richly deserves.

Orsemus L. Fisher is one of the oldest living native sons of Lorain County. His life career covers more than three-quarters of a century, and among the distinctive parts of his record which shed honor upon his own name and distinction to his family was three years in the service of the army that defended the integrity of the Union.

He was born in Brighton Township of Lorain County, June 11, 1839, a son of Danforth and Lucinda A. (Wilcox) Fisher. His grandfather, Eleazar Fisher, was born in Massachusetts, and was one of the pioneer settlers in Brighton Township, where he acquired a farm and spent the rest of his life. He was the father of fourteen children. The maternal grandfather was William Wilcox, a farmer, who died at Toledo. Danforth Fisher was born at Burlington, Otsego County, New York, July 9, 1807. He was married at Henderson, Jefferson County, New York, January 1, 1832, to Lucinda Wilcox, who was born in that county April 14, 1812. In 1836 they came West and located in Brighton Township, which was then comparatively a wilderness. After some years of pioneer farming they moved, in 1863, to Michigan, and made their permanent home at Johnstown in Barry County. There the mother died May 12, 1888, and the father on April 16, 1889. The mother was a member of the Disciples Church and politically he was a strong republican. They were the parents of eleven children. Those now living are: O. L. Fisher; Alma, widow of Hiram Wilson and living in California; George F., who is connected with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in Chicago; Oren D., who was educated in Oberlin College, Olivet College in Michigan and Yale University and is a minister of the Congregational Church now living in Massachusetts; Peter A., a farmer in Michigan; and Wilbur, who is in the lumber business in Lorain County.

O. L. Fisher gained his early training in the district schools of Wellington Township, along with a practical discipline in farming on his father's place. On August 29, 1862, he answered the call of patriotism and enlisted in Company I of the First Ohio Light Artillery, and served three years. He was sent to Eastern Virginia, participating in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and later the battery was sent to Eastern Tennessee, fought at Lookout Mountain and all the engagements from Chattanooga to the fall of Atlanta, including Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and other historic battles. After being in the hospital for five months he received his honorable discharge on June 13, 1865.

After the war he returned to Brighton Township, but soon moved to

Michigan, where he bought a small farm and lived on it for six years. In 1872 he came to Huntington Township and bought the 127-acre place which has been his home now for forty-five years and where he has carried on a profitable business as a farmer and dairyman. He has made most of the improvements on the farm, has a good residence, and has earned the prosperity and comfort which he now enjoys. As a young man he worked out at wages, and he bought his present farm on credit, paying for it as a result of much self-denial and constant hard work.

On December 27, 1865, Mr. Fisher married Sarah A. Ledyard, who was born in Huntington Township July 11, 1846, a daughter of Hiram Ledyard, one of the early settlers of that township. To their marriage have been born two children: Lewis, now a farmer in Wellington Township; and Erva, wife of George W. Barnes, a music teacher at Norwalk. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Fisher has been loyal to the principles for which he fought as a soldier and has always been an active republican. He has done his part in public affairs, has served as road supervisor and school director and has lived a straightforward, honest career, useful alike to his own family and to the entire community.

W. T. Twining. The Twining family has been represented in Lorain County for nearly sixty-five years. W. T. Twining is now living practically retired in Henrietta Township but for many years was engaged in the vigorous prosecution of his business as a general farmer, dairyman and stockman. The name is one that has always been associated with honorable citizenship and a substantial influence in behalf of community welfare.

A native of New York State, W. T. Twining was born September 4, 1847, a son of Charles A. and Nellie (Schermerhorn) Twining. The Twining family is of old American ancestry, and the first of the name was William Twining who came from England and settled on the Atlantic coast soon after 1630. Grandfather Samuel Twining was born February 22, 1796, and followed the business of farmer and miller, making his home in Broome County, New York. In that county he was married in 1813 to Elizabeth Stout.

Charles A. Twining was born in New York State April 23, 1821, and died December 21, 1903. His wife was born in the same state October 8, 1824, and died in 1907. Charles A. Twining, so long known as one of the most successful men of Lorain County, started life with absolutely nothing, and for a number of years had to support not only his sisters but his mother and stepfather. At the time of his death his estate included over 500 acres of land. He first came to Ohio in 1849, but it was in 1852 that he made permanent settlement in Lorain County. He brought to this county $500 and with that as capital purchased his first land in Pittsfield Township. Later he bought a farm in Camden Township and still later in Henrietta Township, in which locality he lived until his death. He became a prominent stock raiser and also dealt extensively in lands, and at one time owned eight different farms. Charles A. and Nellie Twining were married in 1842, and of their eight children seven are still living: Sarah Ann, widow of LeGrand Gibson, and living at Clarksfield, Ohio; W. T.; Gertrude Elizabeth, now deceased; Alvah F. of Henrietta Township; Floyd Odell of Henrietta Township; Virgil Leroy, who has gained success in the hotel business and is now owner of four different hotels and lives at Maumee, Ohio; Perry Eugene, a farmer in Maryland; and Fred A., who is a minister of the Regular Baptist Church at Coshocton, Ohio. The parents

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were members of the Free Will Baptist Church, and the father was a democrat in politics.

W. T. Twining gained his early education in the public schools. He worked for his father on the farm until gaining his majority, and was then married to Miss Drucilla Ann Bulkley. They have lived together and worked out their destinies for almost a half a century. Mrs. Twining was a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Ann (Vincent) Bulkley. Her father was born in New York State September 12, 1824, and died October 20, 1908, and her mother was born in Canada August 8, 1825, and died December 7, 1905. The Bulkley family came to Lorain County in pioneer times and the grandfather and father of Mrs. Twining cleared up a large acreage of land in this section. The Vincents were also early settlers in Henrietta Township. Mr. and Mrs. Twining have three children: Estella Jane, wife of Lewis F. Peabody, a farmer in Camden Township, and they have one child living, Juva; George E., who occupies a farm adjoining that of his father, married Jessie Hales and their three children are Clarence, Harold and Edna; and Minnie Ethel married Robert Wyler, a farmer in Henrietta Township, and their seven children are Earl, Elsie, Harley, Ila, Florence, Doris and Mildred. Besides these three living children one son, Charles Tracy, is now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Twining are members of the Regular Baptist Church, and while a democrat he is inclined to independence in his political activities. When he started in life he inherited some land from his father, but subsequently bought more land, and his farm now comprises eighty-three acres. At one time he conducted a large dairy, but has abandoned that feature of his business, and for a number of years he also raised and dealt extensively in live stock. He is now practically retired, and finds plenty to do in supervising his well improved farm.

Frank Ziegler. Of that sturdy stock of Germans who have so numerously peopled Lorain County, perhaps none has won a better earned success and represents more of the thrifty, industrious virtues of the Fatherland than Frank Ziegler of Brighton Township. Beginning as a renter, he has steadily pursued his calling as a farmer and his lot has been one of steady improvement until he is now recognized as one of the best established and most prosperous citizens of his community.

He was born at Weingarten Baden, Germany, December 8, 1862, a son of Frank and Caroline (Langendorfer) Ziegler. Both parents spent all their lives in that section of Germany. His father was born in 1828 and died in 1904 and the mother was born in 1832 and died in 1892. They were married in 1857. His parents were members of the Lutheran Church, and they were thrifty farming people of Germany. Their seven children were: Frank; Henry, who lives in Germany on a farm; John, a farmer in Germany; Frederick, a farmer in Huron County, Ohio; Louis, a retired and well-to-do citizen of Cleveland; Catherine, wife of Carl Habel, a farmer in Germany; and Karl, who came to the United States, but went back to his native land, served in the army, and is now in the German army in the European war.

Frank Ziegler acquired the regular German training in schools and by practical experience, and was eighteen years old when in 1880 he came to America and reached Erie County, Ohio. The first eight years he worked for other farmers. In 1883 he returned to Germany for a short visit.

In 1886 Mr. Ziegler married Caroline Langendorfer, who was also born in Germany. Their five children are: Christine, born in January, 1888; Emma, born in September, 1889; William, born in July, 1892; Louisa, born in September, 1894; and Berta, born December 10, 1898.

All of them were born in Erie County, Ohio, except William, who was born in Tacoma, Washington.

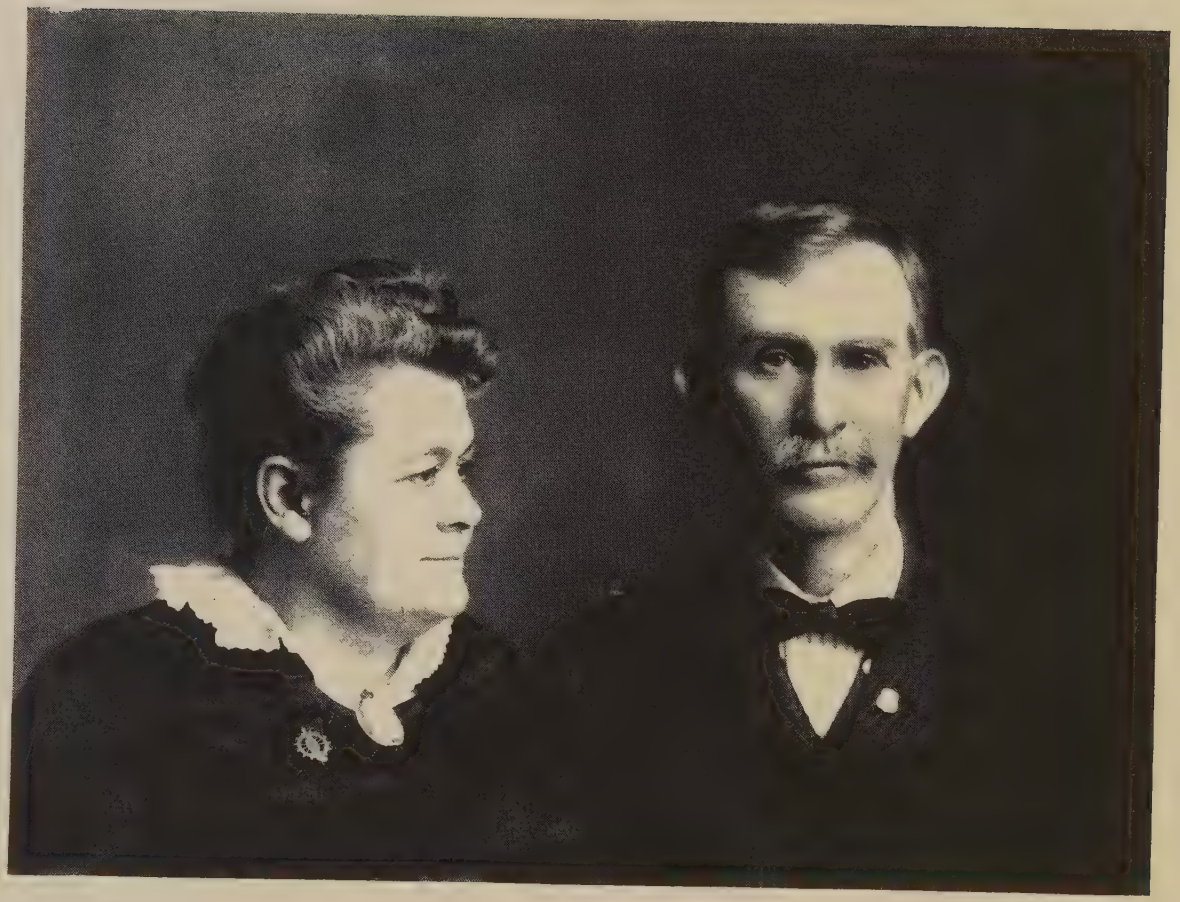
After eight years of experience as a farm tenant Mr. Ziegler moved out to the State of Washington in 1890, but after several years returned to Ohio and in 1895 bought his first farm of sixty acres in Erie County, Ohio. With characteristic energy he improved and developed this place, and sold out at a considerable advance in 1898. He then bought a place of 166 acres in Huron County, and owned it five years. After selling his interests there he came to Brighton Township in 1904, and bought 354 acres of land. On his establishment in Lorain County Mr. Ziegler was over ten thousand dollars in debt. He paid it all in four years, and has made all his prosperity by his own labor and good management. He uses his land for general farming purposes and also runs a dairy and raises considerable livestock. He is a republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

Charles D. Murray. In the person of Charles D. Murray is found a sample of that material which has brought Lorain County to the forefront in the field of agricultural enterprise. Endowed with more than average ability, backed with true business judgment, he has prospered in the affairs of life, and is now enjoying the comforts of one of the attractive farm homes of Brighton Township.

Born in Lorain County February 28, 1877, he is a son of James and Isabelle (Monroe) Murray, both of whom were natives of Scotland. His grandfather James Murray was born in Scotland and came to the United States but afterwards returned to his native land before he died. The maternal grandfather, James Monroe, spent all his life on a farm in Scotland. James Murray was born in 1822 and died in 1900, and his wife was born in 1846 and died in 1910. They were married in Scotland, and some years later, in 1871, came to Lorain County, buying a farm in Rochester Township. They sold that place and moved to another farm in Rochester Township, where they were renting, and then bought the farm on which they spent the rest of their years. Both were members of the Baptist Church, and James Murray was a republican and a man of considerable influence in his locality. There were eight children: James, a farmer in Rochester Township; Mary, wife of Ernest Butson of Brighton Township; William, a farmer in Rochester Township; Isabelle, wife of Walter Jewett, a farmer in Rochester Township; Jessie, twin sister of Isabelle and wife of Bert Rawson, a retired farmer in Elyria; Charles D.; John, a farmer in Rochester Township; and Nellie, wife of Dow Miller, a carpenter at Elyria.

Charles D. Murray acquired his early training in district schools of Lorain County and has been a farmer all his active life. His operations are distributed over a fine place of 250 acres, and in addition to general farming he has a small dairy of from ten to fifteen cows, and is also making a success in the raising of full blood Percheron horses. Mr. Murray has for the past ten years served in the office of trustee of his home township, and has always given his aid to movements for progress and development. Politically he is a republican, is a member of the Maccabees, and he and his family attend the Congregational Church.

In May, 1903, he married Abbie Stocking. Their one child is Mildred, now attending school. Mrs. Murray is a daughter of the late C. D. Stocking, who was born in Brighton Township, November 17, 1840, a son of Jonathan S. Stocking, who was one of the first pioneers in this section of Northern Ohio. Jonathan S. Stocking was born in Massachusetts in 1810 and was brought to Ohio by his parents when a child. His father had visited Northern Ohio in what is now Cuyahoga County



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during the years 1811-12. He came west with his family with ox teams and wagons and after six weeks arrived in Cuyahoga County in 1815. At that time there was only one frame building on the present site of Cleveland. His father was a man of prominence in his part of Ohio and it is an interesting fact of his political record that he cast his first vote for Thomas Jefferson and voted for every presidential candidate for seventy-six years, having voted for R. B. Hayes a short time before his death, on February 23, 1877. Jonathan Stocking married Sabrina Lilly and they had six children, among whom was Conant D., father of Mrs. C. D. Murray. In 1836 the Stocking family moved to Brighton Township. C. D. Stocking, father of Mrs. Murray, spent nearly all his active career on the old homestead, and acquired one of the largest farms in Brighton Township. On January 7, 1874, he married Ann Eliza Fish, who was born in Ashland County, Ohio, in 1838, a daughter of Daniel Fish. Mrs. Murray was one of their two daughters, the other being Jennie, who is the wife of Walter C. Day, and they have one child, Donald. Mrs. Stocking resides with her daughter, Mrs. Murray, in Brighton Township.

JOHN G. PARSONS. One of the oldest and best known family names in Lorain County is that of Parsons, one of whose representatives is John G., a highly successful farmer in the vicinity of Oberlin.

It was in the early '30s that the Parsons family was established in this section of Ohio. Lott Parsons, father of John G., was born in England in 1828 and was brought to America when four years of age, his parents locating in Lorain County, where Lott Parsons was reared and where in time he became a prosperous farmer of Russia Township. He died in 1892. He married Catherine Kendeigh, whose father, John Kendeigh, established his home in Lorain County in the period of pioneer settlement. Catherine Kendeigh was born in Lorain County in 1833 and died in 1893. She was an active member of the Congregational Church, and Lott Parsons was a prominent republican. They were the parents of six children and the five now living are: Frank S., a retired farmer; William, who is also a Lorain County farmer but spends his winters in Florida; Viola, of Oberlin; Clayton, of Oberlin; John G.

John G. Parsons was born on the old homestead in Russia Township January 4, 1864. His early education came through the country schools and he gained a practical vocational training by assisting on his father's farm until the age of twenty-one. He and his brother, Frank, then bought a farm together and they were associated in its management for five years. John G. Parsons then became conductor on an electric car line in Cleveland for three years, after which he returned to the old home place and continued its management for nine years. He then removed to his present farm, on which he lived 2½ years, had his home in Oberlin for two years after that, but since 1904 has given all his time to farming and development of his 145-acre place, which is regarded as one of the best rural estates in the neighborhood of Oberlin. Under his management the buildings have all been improved or remodeled, and he added a great deal of value to the land by laying approximately 100,000 tile. One of his chief crops is hay, and during the year 1915 his meadows produced about 135 tons. He also raises the different staple grains, and keeps about fifteen head of live stock.

On December 1, 1884, Mr. Parsons married Miss Mary Collins, a daughter of Ransom and Christiana (Packard) Collins. Both parents were born in Ohio and the mother at one time lived in Cleveland in a house occupying the present site of the courthouse. Both the Collins and Packard families were early settlers in Northern Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have two sons. Clarence, born March 18, 1886, married on April 26, 1912, Lottie May Horning and they have one child, Tharon Eugene, who was born November 30, 1915. Albert, born May 12, 1891, married Ada West on September 18, 1910. These sons conduct a prosperous automobile trucking business in Cleveland, and operate about twenty-seven motor trucks, employing a large force of men as well as having a big investment in the business.

Mr. Parsons is affiliated with the Masonic Order in Oberlin, and both he and his wife take a very prominent part in the Grange, which he has served as master for eight years and for two years was the state delegate. In politics he is republican. Mrs. Parsons is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her people were directly descended from John Alden, of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. While Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were comparatively poor people when they were married, they have prospered and at the same time have gained the esteem and good will of hundreds of loyal friends.

James A. Murray has reason to be especially satisfied with his position and accomplishment, since his prosperity is the direct result of his individual work and carefully laid plans. He has one of the fine farm homes of Rochester Township and is one of the substantial citizens of that locality.

He has all the hardy qualities of the Scotch people and was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, September 25, 1867, a son of James and Isabelle (Monroe) Murray. His father was born in Scotland in 1827 and died in 1899. This is a well known family in Lorain County, and James A. Murray is a brother of Charles D. Murray, whose career is sketched on other pages.

Brought to this country when a boy, James Murray received most of his education in the local schools of Rochester Township. He then started out to make his own way in the world, and for three years worked on the farm of C. F. Emery. He then went to Cleveland, and from 1896 to 1907 was an employee of the street railway system of that city. His next location was in Russia Township, and he was employed most of the time while there driving horses on the track. After 3½ years he came to Rochester Township, and settled down to an independent career as a farmer. Mr. Murray now owns a fine place of 148 acres, and carries on general farming together with some dairying.

On January 7, 1902, he married Nellie Currey, who was born in Rochester Township September 23, 1871, a daughter of John Currey, who for many years was a leading merchant at Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have four children: John Murray, born December 29, 1902; Russell, born August 4, 1904; Corrine, born March 8, 1906; and Donald, born April 22, 1911. Mr. Murray is an active member of the Baptist Church and politically is an independent republican. He has held some of the township offices and has also served on the village council at Rochester.

Charles S. Jones, whose home is at Wellington, has for a number of years conducted the elevator at Brighton, and is one of the leading dealers in grain and hay and other supplies in that section of Lorain County.

His father, Ezekiel Jones, is now living retired at Wellington, after a long and active career which included service in the Civil war and many years of activity as a farmer and business man. Ezekiel Jones was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1841, the only child of his parents. His widowed mother, Margaret Jones, married for

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her second husband Roswell Lewis and there were four children by that union: Lydia, widow of George Williams, living at Meadville, Pennsylvania; Jerry of Meadville; Hattie, widow of Mr. Van Horn; and William, who is a farmer three miles from Meadville.

Educated at Meadville, Ezekiel Jones came to Brighton Township in October, 1859, and from early in the following year he was employed on the farm of William Battle, until he enlisted August 15, 1862, in Company F of the 103rd Ohio Infantry. While in Kentucky with his command he was taken sick of typhoid, was sent to Lexington and afterwards to Franklin, and spent so much time in the hospital that he was finally sent to Columbus and discharged unfit for service. He suffered from the illness a long time after returning home, and on resuming employment was in the planing mill at Wellington. Then in 1864, having recovered his health, he again enlisted, this time in Company C of the 176th Regiment. He was in the great battle of Nashville, and in some other minor engagements, and was finally given an honorable discharge. On returning from the war he bought land in Brighton Township, comprising 150 acres, and besides farming he was also in the cheese and butter business for a number of years, conducting several factories. He left the cheese business in 1907 and has since lived practically retired. On January 15, 1867, Ezekiel Jones married Agnes Whitney, who was born in Pittsfield Township of Lorain County in 1843, a daughter of Sever S. Whitney, who came to Pittsfield Township in 1832 and cleared up a farm out of the wilderness. He acquired large land holdings and was one of the influential men in that section of Lorain County. Ezekiel Jones was a member of the Grand Army Post at Wellington until its charter was surrendered. He and his good wife have lived at Wellington since October, 1915, and they reside with their son, Charles, and family.

Charles S. Jones, the only one living of his parents' two children, was born in Camden Township of Lorain County March 29, 1870, and received his education at Kipton and Oberlin. He left high school to go to work and for nine years was associated with his father in the creamery business at Fostoria, Ohio. He then moved to a farm in Brighton Township, was a progressive farmer fourteen years, and for the past eight years has been proprietor of the elevator at Brighton, conducting a general elevator business, handling grain, hay and coal. He also owns a farm of seventy-five acres. Mr. Jones is a republican in politics, and by strict attention to business has long been a useful factor in the community.

In 1891 he married Laura Button, who was born in Michigan. Their four children are: Tressie, wife of Carl Webber, a farmer in Brighton Township; Carl, on his father's farm; Artie, at home; and Hazel, wife of Harry Hall, a farmer in Brighton Township.

Otis J. Whitney. It is now almost three score and ten years since Otis J. Whitney started out on the journey of life, and he first saw the light of day on the farm which is his present home in Pittsfield Township. He belongs to some of the substantial older stock, of sterling New England antecedents, which was most closely identified with the settlement and development of Lorain County in the early days. His own career has been consonant in its activities and influences with those of his ancestors. As a farmer and stock breeder Mr. Whitney's name is widely known not only in his home county but in many sections of Ohio.

He was born June 26, 1846, a son of Mark and Cordelia K. (Gifford) Whitney. His grandfather, Joseph Whitney, was a native of Rutland,

Vermont, and was one of the early settlers in Lorain County, coming to this section about 1836 and taking up a tract of government land in Pittsfield Township. The maternal grandparents were Cornelius and Hannah (Nye) Gifford. Cornelius Gifford was born at Lee, Massachusetts, and died at a great old age November 13, 1900. His wife was born November 17, 1782, at Columbus, New York. Cornelius Gifford settled in Pittsfield Township in 1833, and built himself a home in the midst of the woods, and a number of years were devoted to clearing up the land as a farmer. The Nye family was among the early settlers in the New England states, and some of that name became prominent in politics and church affairs.

Mark Whitney was born in Rutland, Vermont, in 1818, and died in 1882. His wife was born in Lee, Massachusetts, April 5, 1825, and made her home with her son, Otis, and though ninety years of age at the time of her death was in splendid health and in full possession of her mental faculties. She died March 10, 1916. Mark and Cordelia Whitney were married in Pittsfield Township April 27, 1848. He had come to the county at the age of eighteen and afterwards became known as a man above the average in education and reading and as one of the banner farmers of the township. He was a republican and filled all the township offices. Having little to start with in the way of capital he built up a good estate, and on the old homestead he constructed a two-story brick residence which was one of the best in Pittsfield Township. He also put up a good home at Oberlin and lived there until his death. He left an estate of about 240 acres. Mrs. Mark Whitney had for years been an esteemed member of the Second Congregational Church at Oberlin. They were the parents of six children, and the four now living are: Otis J.; Mark A., in the grain elevator business at Oberlin; Frank S., a Pittsfield Township farmer; and Flora, wife of A. M. Hall, a retired resident of Cleveland.

Otis J. Whitney received most of his early education in the common schools of Pittsfield Township and spent three terms at Oberlin public schools. Reared on a farm, he has always been a farmer, and to that vocation he has brought unusual energy, thrift and business management. His specialty is the breeding and raising of registered Holstein-Friesian cattle, and at the present time he has about fifty head of this fine stock. He has shipped a great many of these cattle and takes his stock to public sales all over Ohio. His farm comprises 150 acres, and it is thoroughly improved, and he and his family still reside in the comfortable two-story brick house erected by his father many years ago.

On February 14, 1883, he married Miss Ann Rogers. Mrs. Whitney was born March 25, 1860, a daughter of John and Fannie Ann (Burrows) Rogers. Her parents came to this country from England, where they were born, and they located in Pittsfield Township in 1870, where Mr. Rogers died. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney have been born four children. Clara is the wife of Levi Worcester, who is connected with the Electric Light Company at Oberlin. Alice is the wife of Arthur Mills, and they live on her father's farm. Charles is also a farmer on his father's estate. Jessie is still at home.

Mrs. Whitney is an active member of the Congregational Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees and in politics a republican. He has filled all the township offices with credit, and the quality of his public spirit has been on a par with his individual business management.

C. J. Dimick. Rochester Township has no more progressive and public spirited citizen than C. J. Dimick. He got his start working in

Cleveland at the carpenter's trade, but for many years has operated one of the well equipped and well managed farms of Rochester Township. His influence has extended beyond his own place, and he has aided in every constructive movement for the benefit of the community.

He was born in Berlinville, Erie County, Ohio, July 1, 1870, a son of Edwin and Mary E. (Eddy) Dimick. His father died soon afterwards, and C. J. Dimick grew up in the home of his mother and his stepfather Cephas Myers. Mr. Myers, who was a very liberal and kind hearted man and a successful farmer, moved to Rochester Township in 1878 and died in 1902. Mrs. Mary (Eddy) Dimick Myers was an active worker in the Free Will Baptist Church, and she represented one of the very old and prominent families of Northern Ohio. Her great-grandfather, Caleb Eddy, was born in 1754 and about 1790 moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania. In 1807 he moved from Pennsylvania to Euclid Township in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and was one of the earliest pioneers in that section, where he died in 1819. He was a blacksmith by trade. David Eddy, grandfather of Mrs. Mary Dimick, went from Pennsylvania to Northern Ohio about 1806 and erected a log house for his father, Caleb. On March 4, 1814, David Eddy married Elizabeth Sherdine of Pennsylvania, and in 1815 they moved to Columbia Township in Lorain County, where he lived until his death on October 21, 1853. His wife passed away October 6, 1854. Their four children were: Jesse; Enos, born December 1, 1816; Susanna, born March 24, 1820; and Eunice, born February 22, 1822. Jesse Eddy, father of Mary E. Eddy, was born December 15, 1814, and on January 30, 1837, married Caroline Chamberlain. For two years after his marriage he rented a farm and his father then gave him twenty acres of land, which he increased by the purchase of ten acres. This he traded for sixty acres of woodland, where he built a log cabin, and after clearing up his tract he lived on it until 1870, when he moved to Rochester Township. His wife died February 5, 1855. Jesse Eddy held various positions of trust, having served 4½ years as postmaster of Rochester, and during that time he registered 900 letters, the smallest amount being for fifty cents and the largest $7,000 in bonds which were sent to Fort Collins, Colorado. Jesse Eddy, in 1843, joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and in politics was a whig and afterwards a republican.

C. J. Dimick grew up in Lorain County, learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it for eighteen years. Since then he has given his business energies to the management of his fine farm of 100 acres, and has made improvements which classify it among the best places in Rochester Township. He has constructed a number of buildings and a fine two-story residence. A profitable enterprise which Mr. Dimick conducts on his farm is the raising of ferrets, and at this writing he has about 175 of these animals, which are shipped to all parts of the United States.

In 1900 he married Sadie Biddinger, who was born in Ashland County, Ohio. They have one son, now sixteen years of age, and attending the Wellington schools.

Mr. Dimick is a republican, though inclined to independence in local affairs. He served as township clerk nine years, as president of the school board, and a member of the village board. He was trustee of the township two years, declining a second term. One of the accomplishments of his official work which brought him a high degree of credit was the improvement of the local cemetery, one of the best now in the county. He has taken infinite pains in making this burial place of the dead a place of beauty, and he now has a complete record of every grave in the cemetery, recorded on blue print. This record extends back to 1840.

Lewis Barnes is one of the substantial farmer citizens of Rochester Township. He has lived in that locality all his life, and has discharged the responsibilities of the individual worker, the home maker and the citizen with credit and usefulness.

He was born in Rochester Township September 11, 1849, a son of Moses and Eliza (Stone) Barnes, both of whom were natives of Berkshire County, Massachusetts. His father was born in 1803 and died in 1889 and his mother in 1813 and died in 1889. They were married in Massachusetts and afterwards came to Lorain County, settling in the woods of Rochester Township. Both were charter members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that township, and the father was a republican and a successful farmer. On coming to Lorain County they established their home in a log cabin, and lived to prosper and enjoy many of the good things of life. Of their twelve children Lewis Barnes is the only survivor.

Lewis Barnes is a grandson of Nelson Barnes, who spent his life on a farm in Massachusetts. One of the sons of Nelson was Almon Barnes, who became quite a prominent man in Massachusetts and served as a member of the Legislature. Mr. Barnes' maternal grandfather, Lewis Stone, spent his life in Massachusetts.

Educated in the old red schoolhouse of Rochester Township, Lewis Barnes took up farming at an early age, and he now has the old homestead of sixty acres. He has lived there for many years, has made many improvements, and still carries on the farm in connection with some dairying and the raising of good livestock.

In 1888 he married Elizabeth Colgrove of Pike County, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have no children. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a republican, but rather independent in local affairs and has served as a member of the town council.

Fred C. Brandt. In his native county Mr. Brandt has found the best of opportunities for the achieving of definite success in connection with the basic industries of agriculture and stock growing, under the influence of which he was reared, and on his admirably improved farm, in Pittsfield Township, he now gives special attention to the dairy business. He is one of the vital, progressive and popular citizens of the county and is well entitled to specific recognition in this publication.

Mr. Brandt was born in North Amherst Township, this county, on the 12th of September, 1873, and is a son of William and Mary (Hasselman) Brandt, both natives of Germany, where the former was born in 1847 and the latter in 1845, their marriage having been solemnized in North Amherst Township, Lorain County. Mr. Brandt passed to the life eternal in 1895 and his widow now resides in Pittsfield Township. William Brandt was reared and educated in his native land, whence he immigrated to the United States in 1870, after having served his allotted time in the German army. After establishing his home in Lorain County he was employed for eight years in a stone quarry at North Amherst, and he then purchased a farm in Russia Township and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Later he sold this property and bought another farm, in Pittsfield Township, where he continued to reside until his death,—an industrious, substantial and upright citizen who ever commanded unqualified popular esteem and good will. He won success entirely through his own efforts and his life was guided and guarded by the principles of integrity and honor. He was a son of Lewis Brandt and his parents passed their entire lives in Germany. William and Mary (Hasselman) Brandt became the parents of four chil-

FRED C. BRANDT AND FAMILY

dren, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest; Minnie C. is the wife of Isaac Bricker, a prosperous farmer in Camden Township; Carl G. is a progressive farmer of Pittsfield Township; and Henry L. resides at Shelby, Richland County, in which city he is engaged in the milling business. The father was a zealous communicant of the German Lutheran Church, as is also his widow, and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. Mrs. Brandt is a daughter of the late John Hasselman, who came with his family to the United States when she was a girl, both he and his wife passing the closing years of their lives in Lorain County, where he became a successful farmer.

Fred C. Brandt duly profited by the advantages of the public schools and also a German school at North Amherst, and from his youth to the present time he has not wavered in his allegiance to the agricultural and live stock industries, of which he has become one of the progressive and representative exponents in his native county. He was formerly the owner of a farm of 130 acres in the western part of Pittsfield Township, and in 1913 he sold this property, after which he purchased his present well improved place of 108 acres in Pittsfield Township. He has made many improvements on the farm, has erected a number of buildings and made repairs and alterations on others, has installed an effective system of tile drainage and has brought his homestead up to the best modern standard. He raises thoroughbred Holstein-Friesian cattle, of which he maintains an average herd of about twenty head, and he has made dairying one of the most important and successful departments of his farm enterprise. He began his independent career with very limited financial resources and his independence and prosperity thus represent the results of his own efforts and excellent business ability. He is aligned as a loyal supporter of the cause of the republican party and both he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational Church.

In 1899 was recorded the marriage of Mr. Brandt to Miss Margaret Williams, daughter of Florus and Abbie (Whitney) Williams, a substantial farmer near Wellington, this county, and they have four children: Harold F., Silas W., Evlyn W. and Frances, the elder son being a member of the class of 1918 in the high school at Wellington.

C. G. Aschenbach has been one of the capable figures in Lorain County business circles for a number of years. His present position is the more noteworthy because of the fact that he has been entirely the architect of his own destiny. He started without money or influential friends and when there were no opportunities he made them, and as he is still only forty years of age the promise for his future is very bright.

He was born at Amherst, February 12, 1876, a son of George and Martha (Huessner) Aschenbach. Both parents were natives of Germany. His father was born in 1833 and died in the fall of 1915. His mother, who was born January 21, 1840, is still living. She was brought to Lorain County when a child of six years. George Aschenbach was seventeen years old when he came to Lorain County with his mother, Elizabeth (Gerlach) Aschenbach. After coming to Lorain County George Aschenbach spent a time in the shipyards at Lorain, and afterwards was a contractor and builder in Amherst for a number of years. He was a democrat, and his wife is an active member of the German Evangelical Church. They had nine children, and the four living are: Bertha Brown, wife of a machinist at Amherst; George, of Amherst; Lizzie, who has charge of her brother C. G. Aschenbach's dry goods store at Amherst; and C. G.

When C. G. Aschenbach was a boy in school his father failed in busi-

ness, and that threw upon him unusual responsibilities for his years. He went to work and afterwards completed his education in the school of experience. His first employment was on a farm, and later he became clerk in a grocery store. He conducted a store at the quarries, and then was in the employ of the Lewis & Company store of Elyria. When he began his independent business career at Amherst it was in a small store 18x20 feet, handling a stock of dry goods, and he now has an entire two-story building 25x65 feet, and completely stocked with all the wares required of a store in a city like Amherst. He is also a director of the Amherst Park Bank Company, and a member of its finance committee.

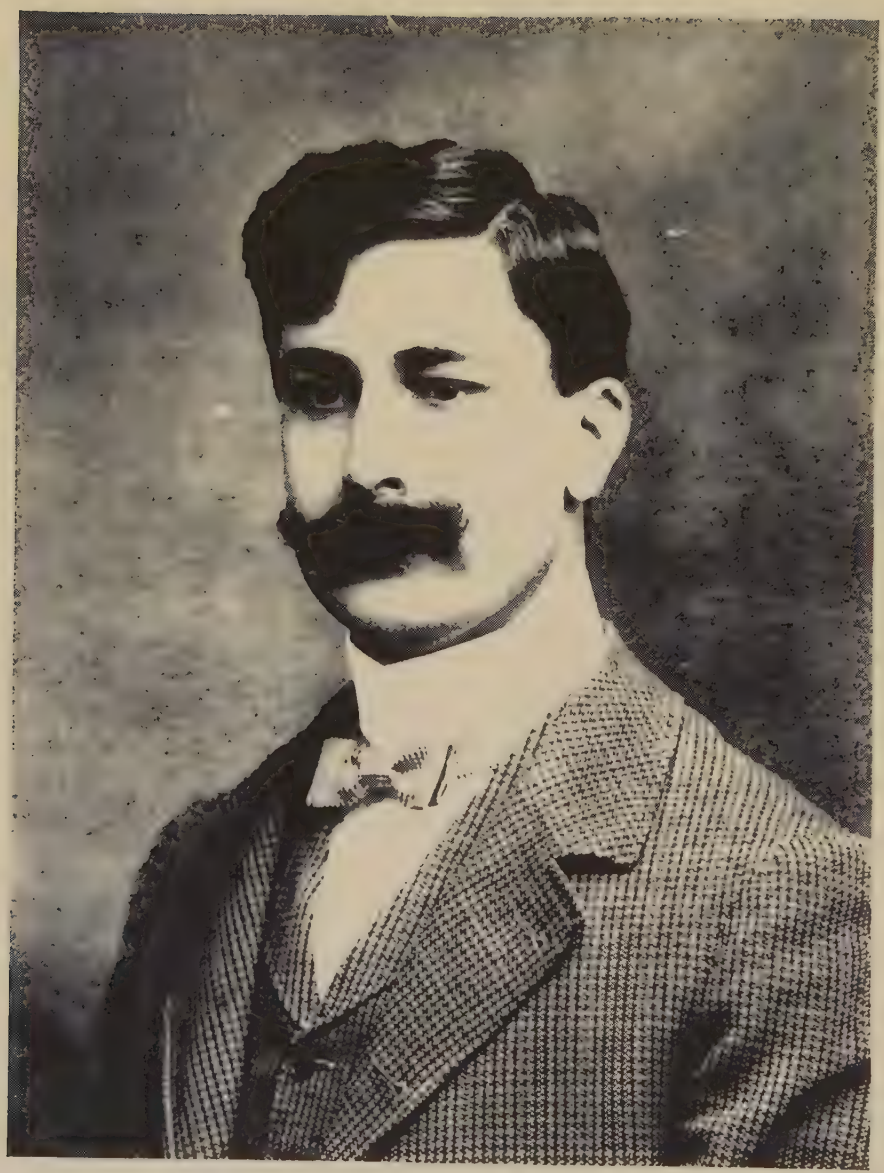
In 1911 at Amherst he married Miss Louise Plato whose father, H. A. Plato, an old time dry goods merchant of Amherst, is living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aschenbach. They have one child, Conrad Girard, born April 12, 1916.

Mr. Aschenbach is a member of the German Evangelical Church while his wife is a Catholic. He is a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias and is also affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and the Woodmen of the World. For a number of years he served as village clerk and has always shown a public spirited attitude toward his community, though the requirements of his own business success have demanded so much of his time and energies that he has found little opportunity for public service or fraternal participation. In November, 1915, Mr. Aschenbach, leaving his store at Amherst in charge of his sister, became assistant general manager of the well known dry goods establishment of the Lewis Company at Elyria, a place in which he formerly worked as a clerk.

A. K. Jenne has been closely identified with the business enterprise at and around Amherst for twenty-five or thirty years. Much of his time is now given to the Amherst Cold Storage Company, of which he is treasurer, with W. H. Schibley president and Joseph Wesbecher vice president. He is general manager of this company, which is capitalized with a stock of $25,000 and since its establishment in 1914 has been highly prosperous. The company has in operation a very complete and modern plant and at this writing they are building an ice plant in connection with the main building.

His is one of the old families of Lorain County. Mr. Jenne himself was born in Amherst Township on a farm, August 18, 1867. That old farm is still owned by the family. His parents were Ansel and Phoebe (Wing) Jenne. His grandfather was also named Ansel Jenne and brought his family to Amherst Township in 1840, when there were only eight or ten families in the entire township. He cleared up a farm and was one of the industrious and honored citizens. Ansel Jenne, Jr., was born in Orange, New Jersey, August 27, 1825, and was fifteen years of age when he came to Lorain County. He soon had an opportunity to test his strength and endurance in competition with the tasks of clearing up and developing a tract of land, and he lived and prospered on his farm for fifty years. He died February 7, 1907. He was a democrat in politics and for many years was a loyal member of the Grange. In 1860, in Amherst, he married Miss Phoebe Wing, who was born in New York State September 1, 1837, and died December 14, 1914. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of her five children four are now living: Sarah E., wife of Bird Richmond, a gardener in Amherst Township; William H., a farmer in Amherst; George B., who is custodian of a large business block at Elyria; and A. K. Jenne.

After attending the district schools, A. K. Jenne followed farm work for several years, and after his marriage he bought a truck farm, and by



J. H. Schibley

hard work and close attention to business made a success of that industry, which he followed for twenty-three years. He still owns this farm. In 1913 he removed to Amherst, and after a brief retirement was for two years real estate and personal property appraiser. He then became secretary and general manager of The Amherst Cold Storage Company.

Mr. Jenne is also secretary and treasurer of the Amherst Supply Company and is a director in the U. S. Automatic Company, a corporation capitalized at $100,000 and doing a large and prosperous business in the manufacture of automobile parts. He is also a stockholder in the Amherst German Bank Company.

His part in public affairs is also worthy of special record. For a number of years he was township treasurer and is now president of the local school board. Politically he is a democrat, and he and his wife are very prominent in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Amherst, he being superintendent of the Sunday School, while Mrs. Jenne is chorister and a worker in all the church movements.

On September 10, 1889, he married Mary E. Giltner, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio. Her father gave the better part of his active career to the ministry of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Jenne have three children: Bert, who is a carpenter at Amherst, married Gertrude Heathcote, and they have one child, Foster; Lucile, wife of Ray Hearn, in the grocery business at Amherst; and Merle, still attending school.

Jacob H. Schibley. Among the various successful business enterprises located at Amherst, one that is deserving of special mention is the Grain, Elevator and General Supply establishment conducted by Jacob H. Schibley, one of that town's most progressive and energetic citizens. Mr. Schibley is the type of man who makes his own opportunities in life. He has never been discouraged by obstacles or difficulties, and has made a steady progress from a young man of no capital or influential friends to a place among the highly respected citizens of one of the best towns in Lorain County.

He was born in Amherst Township of Lorain County November 23, 1869. His people on both sides were from the German fatherland, and both his grandfathers fought with the army of Napoleon and participated in that ill-fated campaign into Russia. His paternal grandfather died in 1839 and his maternal grandfather in 1840. Michael Schibley, father of Jacob H., was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, in 1826 and died in 1907. He came alone to Pennsylvania when a young man in 1853 and from there went to Huron, Ohio, where he met and married Miss Catherine Brandau, who was born in Hesse, Germany, in 1836 and died in 1914. For several years Michael Schibley paid his way by day labor, and was employed in the construction forces building some of the New York Central lines through Northern Ohio. Afterwards he took up farming and lived on his farm until a few years before his death, which occurred in Amherst. His wife also died there. They were members of the Evangelical Association and he was a democrat in politics. There were five children: George is a farmer in Amherst Township; Christian is also a farmer there; Anna Goll lives at Lorain, Ohio: W. H., a banker in Amherst; and Jacob H.

The educational equipment of Jacob H. Schibley before he started his active career comprised the advantages furnished by the district schools and one course in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. Going to Cleveland, he found employment as a fireman and then as a stationary engineer, and was in that city for six years. Returning to Amherst, in July, 1898, he and his brother, W. H. Schibley, built a large grain elevator and they soon had built up one of the most suc-

cessful concerns of the kind in the county. Some years ago the business was incorporated, and Jacob H. Schibley has been its active manager. Besides the general grain business the firm handles farm implements, builders supplies, fertilizers, and it is now conducted under the name Amherst Supply Company, Incorporated, and with a capital stock of $20,000.

In 1891 Mr. Schibley married Catherine Schott. Their seven children are: Hazel, wife of James Grapes, a cabinet maker at Cleveland; Ethel, at home; John, who has been well educated and is already self supporting; Ruth, living in Cleveland; Emery, at home with his father; Dorothy and Blanche. In the fall of 1912 Mr. Schibley married Elizabeth K. Stine, who was born in Amherst Township and prior to her marriage was a very successful teacher of music, having studied both at home and abroad in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Schibley attend the Congregational Church at Elyria. Politically he is a democrat, and for four years served as a member of the city council.

H. A. Campbell, whose home is near New London, is one of the industrious and reliable farmers of Lorain County, classed with the modern agriculturists who are acknowledged to be as broad and scientific in their methods and as fruitful in valuable results to the community as the workers in any other branch of modern industry. Through his well directed efforts he has accumulated a farm of 100 acres, the possession of which stamps him as one of the substantial men of this county.

Representing some of the older stock of Lorain County, he was born in Camden Township November 18, 1862, a son of Frank and Hannah (Lewis) Campbell. His father was born in New York State in 1835 and died in Lorain County in 1910, and his mother was born in New York in 1838, a daughter of Harry Lewis, who came to Camden Township in the early days and spent his last years in Rochester Township. She died in 1910. They were married in Michigan. For a number of years Frank Campbell followed his trade as a wagon maker at Camden Center, and spent his last years as a farmer. He started with little, but by industry and thrift accumulated a good estate of 100 acres which is now owned by his son, H. A. Campbell. During the Civil war he served a short time in the 196th Ohio Regiment of Infantry and was afterwards a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Campbells are of Scotch-Irish stock. Frank Campbell and wife had seven children, and the three now living are H. A. Campbell; Inez, who married Lenn Brumby and she lives in Wellington; and Frances, wife of Dr. R. A. Garrison of Sullivan, Ohio.

H. A. Campbell started life with a district school education, grew up and had the experiences and discipline of the home farm, but started his career in other lines of employment. For two years he was a locomotive fireman, then spent two years with a bridge construction gang, and another two years as a stationary engineer. Since then he has given all his time and attention to farming, and in 1909 he bought out the interests of the other heirs in the homestead and is doing a very successful work as a general farmer. He has his land well tiled, and is constantly making improvements.

In 1888 he married Alta Williams, who was born in Huntington Township of Lorain County, a daughter of Edwin Williams. Of their three children Effie is now deceased. Albert married Jennie Grime and has one child, Lenora, and he is a farmer in Rochester Township. Roy, who lives at New London, married Zelma Rhoerback. The mother of these children died in 1898. She was a member of the Universalist

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Church. Mr. Campbell affiliates with the Tribe of Ben Hur and in politics is independent.

W. B. Lindsley. Of W. B. Lindsley it can be said as an expression of the general esteem in which he is held by his neighbors and fellow citizens that he is an industrious and successful farmer, a citizen who looks well after the interests of his own home and family, and not without regard for the benefit and welfare of the community in which he lives.

On the farm that he now owns and occupies, with many improvements representing his own labor and management, W. B. Lindsley was born in Penfield Township of Lorain County, March 6, 1859, a son of A. D. and Abigail (Baird) Lindsley. His parents were both natives of Delaware County, New York, where they were married. The father was born in 1818 and died in 1886, while his mother was born March 2, 1821, and died in 1873. Her father was Daniel Baird. On June 1, 1847, the family came to Penfield Township, where A. D. Lindsley took up a farm, and at the time of his death he owned over two hundred acres. He cleared up the land and his first home was a small house, but five years later he built a commodious residence and that with some changes is still on the place. He was a republican in politics and held various township offices and was a man of high character. During the war he belonged to an organization known as the Squirrel Hunters, and trained many soldiers for the army. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were four children, three sons and one daughter: Alphonso, a farmer in Penfield Township; Allie, wife of Charles Cragin, a retired resident at Seattle, Washington; W. B.; and Clifton.

W. B. Lindsley had a very good education in preparation for the serious responsibilities of life, having attended the district schools, an academy at Oberlin and the Ohio Northern University at Ada. After some years of hard work and careful saving he made his first purchase of ninety acres, and afterwards traded with his brother for a portion of the old homestead. His farm now comprises 109½ acres, and he has remodeled all the buildings and has constructed some very substantial barns. He does general farming and dairying, and keeps some registered Holstein cattle.

In 1882 Mr. Lindsley married Carrie Hart, a daughter of Willard Hart, a native of Penfield Township, and a granddaughter of Hawley Hart, who was one of the first settlers of Penfield Township. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley have two children: Marion, who married Clarence Dixon in the hardware business at Wellington, is the mother of three children, Robert, Russell and Ralph Eugene; Dorothy is the wife of Mack Smith, a farmer in Penfield Township, and they have one child, Leonard W. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a republican in politics. He has served as a member of the school board.

Alfred B. Evans. In that fine and fertile agricultural district around Oberlin, one of the most substantial farmers is Alfred B. Evans, who is a native son of Lorain County and whose family has been identified with this section of Ohio for more than fifty years.

Born at Oberlin October 22, 1859, Alfred B. Evans comes of some of the substantial Welsh stock which has permeated the life of Lorain County. His parents, William and Mary (Griffith) Evans were both born in Wales, the father in 1825 and the mother in 1826. All the grandparents died in Wales. William Evans and wife were both long lived, sturdy and industrious people, and they lived to a good old age, the father dying in 1904 and the mother in 1906. They were married

in their native country and coming to the United States they located at Oberlin in 1854. William Evans was a stonemason by trade and for thirty years was employed in that capacity by the Big Four Railway Company. They were members of the First Congregational Church at Oberlin, and he had become affiliated with the Manchester Unity Order of Odd Fellows before leaving his native land. In politics he was a republican. William Evans, though poor when coming to America, made an enviable success and in his later years he bought a farm and at the time of his death owned fifty acres.

The only survivor of four children, Alfred B. Evans, grew up in and around Oberlin and gained his education both in country schools and in the town schools. He learned his father's trade and for four or five years was associated with the older Evans in that work for the Big Four Railroad Company. He then took the management of his father's farm, and has lived on it ever since. He now owns ninety-eight acres of well improved and valuable land, and has prospered as a general farmer and stock raiser. In 1880 Mr. Evans erected a fine brick home, one of the best in the rural districts surrounding him, and in 1913 he remodeled and effected many other improvements on his barn and other outbuildings.

In 1886 he married Miss Mary Z. Cole, daughter of George W. Cole, an early settler of Medina County, Ohio. They have three children, Marjorie, Mildred and William. The daughter, Marjorie, married Cecil Grills, a Lorain County farmer, and they have one child, Raymond Eugene. Mildred is now attending Dean Academy at Franklin, Massachusetts. William is a student in the schools at Oberlin. Mr. Evans is a member both of the subordinate and the encampment degrees of Odd Fellowship, and has filled all the chairs in the local branch of the order. In politics he is independent.

M. L. Disbrow, Sr., has been closely identified with the farming enterprise and good citizenship of Penfield Township many years. He has a record of distinctive accomplishment, and his name is one of the most honored in that section of Lorain County.

He was born in LaGrange Township of Lorain County April 13, 1852, a son of Perry and Clarissa (Langdon) Disbrow. Both parents were natives of Jefferson County, New York. The paternal grandfather, James Disbrow, came to LaGrange Township in 1825 and located on what was then almost the frontier of civilization. Perry Disbrow was born July 13, 1814, came to Lorain County at the age of eleven, and he contributed his youthful strength to the clearing up of his father's farm until he was twenty-two years of age. On September 4, 1836, he married Clarissa Langdon, who was born in Jefferson County, New York, in 1814 and who died in 1893, being a member of an old French Huguenot family. After their marriage Perry Disbrow and wife bought land in Lorain County, and lived there until 1857. Then as his father before him had pioneered from east to west, he also set out for what was then the Far West, beyond the Mississippi River, and with wagon and team crossed the intervening country to the new state of Iowa, where he acquired 160 acres of land near where Atlantic City now stands. In 1881 he sold that farm and he lived in Lewis, Iowa, until the death of his wife, when he lived among his children. He and his wife were active members of the Baptist Church and at different times were connected with the churches at LaGrange, Ohio, and at Atlantic and Lewis, Iowa. He was a sterling and upright citizen, and wherever he lived he enjoyed the complete confidence of his community. He filled only one office, that of township trustee of Turkey Grove Township in Iowa.

Politically he was a republican. Perry Disbrow and wife had eleven children, and the four now living are: Edgar, a retired farmer at Arapahoe, Nebraska; Hannah, widow of Benton Morrow and living at Atlantic, Iowa; M. L. Disbrow, Sr.; and Elnora, wife of Ben Howell, who lives at LaPorte, Texas.

M. L. Disbrow, Sr., spent his early youth in Iowa, gained his education in the district schools there, and in 1882 returned to Lorain County and bought thirty-four acres in Penfield Township. He purchased twenty-three acres more in 1888 and has since made a good farm home and has all the improvements and comforts of a good home. He does general farming together with some dairying. He is a republican, and for about eighteen years filled the offices of school treasurer and township treasurer.

On December 29, 1874, Mr. Disbrow married Floretta Langdon, a daughter of William and Margaret (Denham) Langdon, Mrs. Disbrow being of the same ancestry as Mr. Disbrow's mother. William F. Langdon, father of Mrs. Disbrow, was born November 16, 1819, in Schoharie County, New York, a son of Forester, who was Mr. Disbrow's maternal grandfather, and a grandson of Lewis Langdon. Forester Langdon was married in New York State to Hannah, daughter of Moses Frederick Delos LaDernier, who came from Nova Scotia. Her ancestors were French Huguenots who settled in Nova Scotia, where they acquired a patent to government land, but on account of the subsequent activities of the family in behalf of the American Revolutionists they came to the colonies, and several members of the Langdon family served in the Revolutionary war and one of Mr. Disbrow's paternal ancestors was also in the revolution and another was in the War of 1812. The first child of Forester Langdon and wife was Clarissa, who married Perry Disbrow, and became the father of M. L. Disbrow, Sr. The second daughter, Matilda, married Samuel White and died in Michigan, February 7, 1890. The third child was William F. Langdon, father of Mrs. Disbrow. The other children were Hiram A., who became a physician; Maria, who married Lyman Webber; Orilla, who married Samuel Disbrow; Lucinda, who married Horace Cragin; Washington L.; and Lionel. Forester Langdon brought his family to Ohio in 1834, driving the entire distance and arriving in LaGrange Township after twenty-one days. His wife died in this county April 21, 1835. William F. Langdon grew up in Lorain County, and learned the carpenter and wagon maker's trade. In 1846 he went to Louisiana and was employed in the lumber regions for a time. On January 22, 1850, he married Margaret Denham, who was born November 9, 1825, in Scotland, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Lyle) Denham. The Denhams were also early settlers in Penfield Township of Lorain County. After his marriage William F. Langdon bought on credit fifty-seven acres of land in Penfield Township, and for twenty-five years worked at his trade and acquired a comfortable competence. He and his wife had only one child, Margaret F., who became the wife of M. L. Disbrow, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Disbrow are members of the Methodist Church and both are affiliated with the Grange.

Their only son, M L. Disbrow, Jr., was born in Penfield Township June 9, 1878, was educated in the district schools and at Oberlin, has a farm and is one of the successful agriculturists in Penfield Township. He married Clara May Barbour, a daughter of H. O. Barbour of Wellington Township. To their union has been born one son, Herbert Myron.

W. J. Krebs is one of the most highly respected citizens of Penfield Township, where through his business activities, his varied service to the people in a business and official capacity, he has made his life count

for benefit and of notable usefulness both to his family and to the community.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Orange Township of Ashland County, December 13, 1846. His grandfather was Christian Krebs. His father, Daniel G. Krebs, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, July 14, 1814, and was married in Orange Township of Ashland County to Catherine Rickett, who was born at East Bethlehem, Washington County, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1818, a daughter of Christopher Rickett and Mary (Horn) Rickett. The Rickett family went to Ohio in June, 1823, and was the third family to locate in Orange Township of Ashland County. Daniel G. Krebs was a farmer, was a democrat in politics, and died when still young of typhoid fever on January 19, 1857. He was laid to rest in St. Luke's cemetery in Orange Township. His widow survived him many years until her death on November 9, 1902, and in that year the body of Mr. Krebs was removed and lays beside his wife in Lawnwood cemetery, Lodi, Ohio. After her husband's death she was left with the care of seven children, and in very limited circumstances. She had learned the trade of weaver, and spent most of the summer months in making homespun cloth.

W. J. Krebs was about ten years of age when his father died, and he soon left home and worked for Peter Snyder, a farmer, getting wages of five dollars a month during the summer and half of this amount went to his widowed mother. During the winter seasons he continued his education in the local schools. He saved every penny he could and in the spring of 1864 moved to Rochester Township in Lorain County where several years later he and his mother and one brother purchased a small farm.

On November 17, 1872, Mr. Krebs married Sarah H. Andrews, who was born August 4, 1850, in Wiltshire, England, daughter of Thomas Andrews, who came to the United States in 1852, locating in Spencer Township of Medina County.

After his marriage Mr. Krebs moved to a farm in Rochester Township, renting from A. B. Stroger for three years. Then having sold his third interest in the homestead of 140 acres, where the family had located in 1867, he bought a place of his own of ninety acres, but after a year sold out. On March 1, 1877, he moved to Penfield Township and with his brother R. B. engaged in the mercantile business which he conducted successfully for twelve years. During the administration of President Hayes he served as postmaster of Penfield, and was reappointed by both Cleveland's administrations, serving altogether ten years. For thirty-three years Mr. Krebs was justice of the peace, and finally retired from that office on January 1, 1916. He also held the office of township clerk fourteen years and was real estate assessor one year. He has been a trustee of the Children's Home of Lorain County ever since it was organized in 1900.

His chief business for several years has been clerk at sales, and his services have been much in demand for clerking for thoroughbred sales all over the state, and during a recent season so many demands were made upon him for this work that he could not fill all his engagements. He now handles real estate and is guardian and executor for a number of estates and individuals. He is a stanch democrat, and has always been temperate in habits and a man of absolute integrity in all his dealings. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he has served as trustee and in other offices and was secretary of the Sunday School for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Krebs have two daughters: Stella and Carrie May. Stella is the wife of Guy Smith of Spencer Township in Medina County.

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and their three children are Gladys, wife of Royal Waltz, a teacher in Spencer Township; Doris and Robert, both at home. Carrie May married A. J. Andrews, a farmer of Penfield Township, and their three children are Howard, Illa and Karl.

George W. Hollingsworth. A resident of Lorain County from the time of his birth to the present, Mr. Hollingsworth is one of the successful farmers and stock growers of the county and is a steadfast, sincere and loyal citizen who commands the respect and good will of community, his well equipped farm being situated in Pittsfield Township and one of his important departments of enterprise being that of conducting a successful dairy business, his products from the dairy farm being shipped principally to the city of Cleveland. He raises thoroughbred cattle and his fine little farm of forty acres also yields excellent returns in the field of diversified agriculture.

Mr. Hollingsworth was born in Lorain County on the 12th of November, 1861, and is a son of George and Sarah (Oxby) Hollingsworth, both natives of England, the former born in the year 1832, and the latter in 1833. Their marriage was solemnized in Lorain County, Ohio, where their acquaintanceship was formed. George Hollingsworth was reared to manhood in his native land, where he received a common school education, and he was twenty-one years of age at the time when he established his home in Lorain County, Ohio. Here he was employed for a number of years in connection with the operation of a stone quarry and he then purchased a farm of fifty acres, in Pittsfield Township, where he continued to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 18th of February, 1915, his devoted wife having passed away in September, 1912. Of the seven children the subject of this review is the elder of the two now living, and Richard resides in the city of Oberlin, where he is a carpenter by trade and vocation. George Hollingsworth gave his allegiance to the democratic party until the campaign that resulted in the election of President Cleveland, and thereafter he was a supporter of the cause of the republican party until the time of his death. His wife had been in her native land a communicant of the Church of England, but in Ohio she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she continued a zealous member until her demise.

George W. Hollingsworth gained his early education in the district schools and has been identified with farming from his early youth, his success having been won through industry, close application and good management. He takes a lively interest in community affairs and is progressive and public-spirited as a citizen, with his political predilections indicated by his alignment as a supporter of the principles of the republican party. He has passed the various official chairs in the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is affiliated also with the ancient-craft body of the Masonic Fraternity and with the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

In 1885 Mr. Hollingsworth wedded Miss Ella M. Keihl, who was born in Stark County, this state, where her paternal grandparents settled in an early day, both having been natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth have no children.

Harley O. Beckley of Rochester Township has lived at one home in that locality forty years, and is accounted one of the most successful citizens in Lorain County. He represents some solid old American stock in Northern Ohio, and his family have lived in this part of the state fully a century. The Beckleys were New England people. Selah Beck-

ley was born in Connecticut in 1767, and in 1812 came to Ohio, locating in Summit County. In 1787 he married Caroline Beckley, who was born in 1768. Their children were: Hepzibah, Noel, Lotan, Hepzibah second of the name, Rowena, Elnathan S., Lois, Edwin, Ahira and Sally. Selah Beckley was a blacksmith by trade, and died in 1817.

Elnathan S. Beckley was born in Berlin, Connecticut, April 2, 1801, and was eleven years old when the family came to Ohio. He grew up on a farm and spent his life as an agriculturist. On June 1, 1825, he married Polly Wilcox, who was born in Berlin, Connecticut, in 1805. Of their two children Eloise is now Mrs. Madison Andrews of North Amherst, Ohio. Elnathan S. Beckley and wife lived for some years near Cuyahoga Falls, but in 1842 moved to Huntington Township, Lorain County, and lived in the southwest part of that township for a number of years. In 1863 they moved to Rochester Township, where Elnathan died December, 1872, his widow making her home with her son Lyman until her death in May, 1890. Both parents were members of the Universalist Church and in politics he was a democrat.

Lyman Beckley, only son of this pioneer couple, and father of Harley O. Beckley, was born April 5, 1827, in Stowe Township of Summit County, Ohio, was educated in the district schools and was fifteen years old when his parents moved to Lorain County. For a time the family lived with an uncle in a single room cabin and experienced all the primitive hardships of the time. October 26, 1848, Lyman Beckley married Mary J. Sage of Huntington Township, where she was born October 16, 1831, a son of H. P. and Susan (Mallory) Sage, who came from New Haven, Connecticut, to Ohio about 1825. H. P. Sage was a man of culture and great influence in the new country, and taught public school and also taught a class of music and in higher mathematics, and at one time assembled in his home some students of theology. He held several offices of trust and was especially a leader in religious worship, being a minister of the Universalist Church. He died in Huntington in 1887 and his wife in 1870. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Beckley settled on a farm he had toiled to improve, but in 1863 moved to Rochester Township, where he spent most of his time in dairying. In 1869 in partnership with a neighbor he built what was known as the Beckley Cheese Factory. In 1876 he sold his farm to his oldest son, and then bought a farm in Huntington Township. He and his wife were active members of the Universalist Church and he was a democrat. Their four children were: Alma R., who was born September 13, 1849, and died at the age of fourteen months; Harley O.; Ellis S., who was born in 1848 and died in 1861; and D. I., born May 26, 1861, died July 10, 1900.

Harley O. Beckley was born in Huntington Township of Lorain County, June 6, 1851. Besides the district schools he attended the Wellington High School for two terms. In addition to working on the farm, he occupied himself with dairying, and then entered the Beckley Cheese factory under George Bush. This factory was located near the old home, but after two years in the factory he returned to the farm.

On October 4, 1871, Mr. Beckley married Miss Mary A. Peet, who was born in Rochester Township, a daughter of Homer and Charlotte (Kelsey) Peet. Mr. and Mrs. Beckley began housekeeping in a little house on his father's farm, and subsequently he bought that little place and it was the nucleus of his extensive operations as a farmer and land holder. Mr. and Mrs. Beckley have one daughter, Chloe A., the wife of Henry Laughery, a carpenter, and they live with her parents.

In 1876 Mr. Beckley moved to his present farm in Rochester Town-

ship. Since then he has operated extensively as a dairyman, although his operations also class him as a general farmer. In 1892 he built a large barn at the cost of $2,000 which is considered one of the most substantial structures of the kind in the county. He and his wife are members of the Universalist Church, and he was a church trustee a number of years and also superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Beckley is a trustee of Rochester Township, an office he has filled six or eight terms. His good judgment in business affairs has brought him a generous prosperity, and he is now reckoned as the heaviest tax payer in Rochester Township and one of the largest land owners. He owns over four hundred acres of highly improved and well cultivated land. For two terms he was township real estate assessor. Mr. Beckley is a democrat in politics.

GEORGE F. BURSLEY is a citizen of Lorain County who has made farming pay by the exercise of the same qualities of business enterprise which makes a successful merchant, manufacturer or professional man. His home is in Rochester Township, and his farm comprises 238 acres of improved land, which is devoted to mixed farming. He has a flock of thoroughbred Delaine sheep, and formerly raised some fine Holstein full blood cattle, and still keeps a registered Holstein bull. He has built a large barn, and has made many other improvements to increase the value and productiveness of his place.

He is a native of Huron County, Ohio, born at Wakeman, February 13, 1862, a son of Israel and Susan (Fletcher) Bursley. Both parents were natives of New York State, and came to Huron County when quite young. His father was born in 1826 and died December 28, 1888. His mother was born in 1824, a daughter of William Fletcher, who came from Pennsylvania to Huron County and spent his active career as a farmer there, and the Fletcher family was represented in the Revolutionary war by William Fletcher's father, who was a gallant soldier in the war for independence. Mrs. Susan Bursley did in 1884. She was an active member of the Congregational Church. Israel Bursley, who was a republican in politics, followed a career as farmer, and made a success, leaving an estate of 157 acres. Of eight children born to their union five now living are: Elvira of Kipton; Melvina is the wife of S. M. Hanes, a farmer in Camden Township, and they have three children, Albert, Iva Effie, Everett; Lovina lives with her brother; George F.; and Henry, a farmer in Camden Township, married Gertrude Tillinghast and has two children, Charles and Harold. The three children who are deceased are Dennis, Ellen and Milo. Ellen married J. D. Bates and left two children, Earl and Lynn. George F. Bursley grew up on a farm, attended the Wakeman schools, and also had a course in the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso. He made his start as a farmer in his native county, and in 1893 came to Rochester Township, where he bought 115 acres, and has since more than doubled his landed possessions.

In 1886 Mr. Bursley married Ida Lang, a daughter of John B. and Ruth (Boone) Lang. The father was a well-to-do farmer of Huntington Township. Mr. and Mrs. Bursley have one daughter living, Neva May, who is still at home with her parents, and a daughter, Edna, died aged six years. The family are members of the Methodist Church, and politically Mr. Bursley is a republican. He has shared his time and work for the community benefit, and for fifteen years served as a trustee of Rochester Township, his official service being represented by many local improvements.

Frank S. Whitney was born in Pittsfield Township, this county, on the 24th day of June, 1871, and his paternal grandfather, Joseph Whitney, was numbered among the sterling pioneers who played a large part in the civic and material development and upbuilding of Lorain County. Joseph Whitney was born in the state of Massachusetts and became a farmer in Vermont, where he remained until 1837, when he came with his family to Ohio and settled on a tract of wild land in what is now Pittsfield Township, where he reclaimed a productive farm and where he continued his residence until his death, at the exceedingly venerable age of ninety-four years.

He whose name initiates this article is a son of Mark and Cordelia (Gifford) Whitney, the former of whom was born at Peru, Vermont, in 1818, and the latter of whom was born in New York State in 1825. Mark Whitney acquired his early education in his native state and was about seventeen years of age at the time of the family removal to Lorain County, Ohio. Mr. Whitney was about eighty-eight years of age at the time of his death, in 1906, and his loved wife passed away in 1916. He was one of the representative farmers of the county for many years and was the owner of a large and valuable landed estate at the time of his demise.

Frank S. Whitney was reared to manhood in Pittsfield Township and after duly availing himself of the advantages of the public schools he further fortified himself by the completion of a course in a business college at Oberlin. From his youth to the present time he has been a loyal and effective exponent of agricultural and live stock industry in his native county, and he established himself on his present homestead in 1892. Here his original farm comprised only forty-six acres, but he has added to the area of his estate until he now has a fine demesne of 259 acres. In addition to the many other substantial improvements he has made on his farm he erected his attractive and modern two-story frame residence, which is one of the pleasant and hospitable rural homes of the county. In connection with his general agricultural operations Mr. Whitney gives special attention to the dairying and the raising of high-grade Holstein-Friesian cattle, of which he is a successful breeder from blooded stock. His landed estate is divided into three separate farms, and on each of them he has fine herds of cattle, the milk and other products from his dairy being shipped principally to the city of Cleveland.

Mr. Whitney accords unwavering allegiance to the republican party and has served long and efficiently as a member of the school board, of which he was president for ten years. He is secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Lorain County and has been influential in the developing of its substantial and prosperous business. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and they are popular factors in the representative social life of the community.

In 1892 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Whitney to Miss Lou Emma Green, daughter of William Green, a venerable and honored citizen of whom individual mention is made on other pages of this volume. In conclusion is given brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney: Herbert, who continued his studies in the public schools until he had profited duly by the advantages of the high school at Wellington, also spent two terms in the Oberlin Business College, and owns a farm in Pittsfield Township; Roena is the wife of James M. McConnell, and they reside on their farm in Pittsfield Township, she being a graduate of the Wellington High School; Perry is a member of the class of 1916 in the high school at Wellington, as is also Eva; Blanche is

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a sophomore in the same school; and Arthur is still attending the graded schools.

WILLIAM GREEN. Though he has been a resident of Pittsfield Township, Lorain County, since his boyhood days, Mr. Green has the distinction of claiming the "right little isle" of England as the place of his nativity. During the period of more than sixty years of his residence in Lorain County he has been unwavering in his allegiance to the basic industry of agriculture, of which he has been a prominent and successful exponent, and he still resides upon his fine homestead farm, his landed estate comprising 250 acres of most productive and well improved land. Mr. Green is one of the honored and influential citizens of the county and is entitled to definite recognition in this history, for he has lived and labored to goodly ends and made his life count for good in all of its relations.

William Green was born near Lincolnshire, England, on the 4th of October, 1848, and is a son of William and Mary (Marshall) Green, representatives of staunch old English families. William Green, Sr., was born in 1805 and thus was nearly eighty years of age at the time of his death, in 1884. His wife was born in 1809, and was summoned to eternal rest in 1873. Of their three children the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor. Soon after immigrating with his family to America Mr. Green came to Ohio, and in 1854 he established his permanent home in Lorain County, where he purchased fifty acres of land, in Pittsfield Township. He reclaimed and improved this farm, and with increasing prosperity he added to the area of his landed estate and became one of the substantial agriculturists of the county, even as he was one of its honored and public-spirited citizens. He was a man of superior intellectual force, and kept himself well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day, besides having always manifested studious proclivities and having been an earnest and appreciative reader of the Bible, both he and his wife having been zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his political allegiance having been given to the republican party.

He to whom this sketch is dedicated was a lad of about six years at the time the family home was established on the pioneer farmstead in Pittsfield Township. There he was reared to maturity in a normal and benignant atmosphere of work and play, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the schools of the township. As previously stated, his entire career has been one of unwavering association with agricultural pursuits, and the concrete results of his long, faithful and well ordered labors are shown forth in his ownership of one of the valuable landed estates of the county. He still gives personal supervision to his large and well improved farm, which is devoted to diversified agriculture and to the raising of excellent grades of live stock. His political support has ever been given to the republican party and he has been influential in community affairs of a public order, as shown by the fact that he served for some time as township trustee. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1871 Mr. Green married Mrs. Roana Probert, who was born at York, Sandusky County, Ohio, and she was called to the life eternal in 1876, her only child being Lou Emma, who is the wife of Frank S. Whitney, individually mentioned on other pages of this work. In 1878 Mr. Green wedded Miss Anna Jordan, who was born in Pittsfield Township, this county, and who died in 1881, without issue. In 1884 he wedded Miss Kate Rogers, who likewise is a native of England, and

they have one son, Walter H., who has the active management of the homestead farm.

STEWART MCCONNELL. This is a name bespeaking a large family relationship with pioneer settlers in Lorain County. The McConnells came here more than ninety years ago, had their share in pioneer things, with agriculture as their chief vocation, and an examination of the records shows them to have been stanch defenders of their country, upholders of morality and religion, and people of the finest qualities of neighborliness and usefulness.

The success of Stewart McConnell, who represents the third generation in this county, has been due to hard work and an unusual degree of enterprise in managing his affairs. Born in Rochester Township February 2, 1852, a son of W. R. and Lovina (Carvey) McConnell. His paternal grandfather, James McConnell, was of Irish stock, and was born in Ireland or his father before him was a native of that country. About 1824 he brought his family out to Rochester Township, when only two families lived in the entire Township. He married Elizabeth Roorback and had five children, all of whom have passed away. Mr. McConnell's maternal grandfather, William Carvey, was also an early settler in Rochester Township. W. R. McConnell was born at Onondaga Lake in New York in 1816, and was eight years old when his parents brought him to the locality near New London, Ohio. His father acquired a tract of land from the Connecticut Land Company. W. R. McConnell was a very influential and successful man in Lorain County, and at the time of his death possessed an estate of 500 acres. He had begun housekeeping in a log house with only one room, and after three of his children were born he built a large frame house in 1861. As a republican he filled many offices of trust in his township and was well educated and well read. He died in December, 1914. His wife was born in Rochester Township in 1823, a date which indicates the early settlement of the Carvey family in this county, and she died in 1904. Of her six children the four living are: Stewart; Edward, a farmer in Rochester Township; Ettie, wife of Jacob Motter, living near New London; and Nellie, wife of A. E. Sellers, a farmer on the old McConnell home farm in Rochester Township.

Stewart McConnell grew up on his father's farm. His education came from a small district school in the corner of Rochester Township, and most of his training was by practical experience on his father's farm. He went to work with a will, was thrifty and intelligent in the use of his resources, and had acquired 100 acres of land before his marriage.

In 1879 Mr. McConnell married Augusta Close of Sullivan, Ohio. She died in 1904, leaving one daughter, Letha Beattie, who is the widow of Frank Beattie, and is living at New London. She has three children, Frances, Mary and John. In 1905 Mr. McConnell married Ida (Miller) Stevens of Catasauqua, Pennsylvania. Mrs. McConnell is a member of the Lutheran Church.

For thirty-six years Mr. McConnell has been one of the leading stock buyers and wool buyers of Lorain County. He has 100 acres of well improved land in his homestead and owns fifty-six acres in another place. He also has property in New London, and owns a considerable part of the stock in the Third National Bank of that city, in which he has been a director since its organization. He now rents most of his land, and in 1904 he built a comfortable residence and has all the improvements and conveniences which make country life enjoyable. Politically he is a republican.

HENRY W. MANLEY. In speaking of the old time families of Lorain County that of Manley is one that frequently comes into the record both as substantial farmers and as citizens, beginning nearly a century ago and from that time down to the present. Lorain County had only a sprinkling of pioneer population when the first of the Manleys arrived, and they were practically the first to inhabit the wilderness of Wellington Township.

Now living retired from his business as a farmer, but still active in business affairs, Henry W. Manley, who was born at Wellingon, March 27, 1861, is a grandson of Josiah B. and Betsey (Webster) Manley, who came from the State of Massachusetts to Ohio in 1821. Their journey made by primitive means of transportation occupied forty days and forty nights. They located in Wellington Township and opened up a brand new farm in the forest. Josiah B. Manley had only a brief period of activity in this new country, since his death occurred August 22, 1824. His was the first death in Wellington Township. After his death his widow showed herself a brave and self-reliant woman, and in order to support her family she taught school for three successive seasons in her log cabin, and also taught two terms in the regular district school. She died at the home of her son, Frederick B., at the advanced age of eighty-three. Frederick B. Manley, father of Henry W., was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, March 10, 1817, being the oldest son of his parents. He was four years of age when brought to Lorain County and was only seven when his father died. He received most of his early education from his mother, and grew up in the midst of privations that were common in this section of the West eighty or ninety years ago. For a time he attended a select school, but early took up the task of farming, to which he devoted the best years of his life. He also became well known as a stock man, buying and selling and raising much live-stock on his own place. By dint of hard labor and good management he brought his farm into an excellent state of cultivation, and constructed many useful buildings. One feature of the old home which helped to constitute it a landmark was a splendid elm tree in the dooryard known far and wide as Manley's famous elm.

On March 10, 1847, Frederick B. Manley married Mary L. Wadsworth, a daughter of Major Judson and Lucinda Wadsworth of Wellington. Frederick B. Manley lived a long and useful career, and was honored as one of the best of the old time citizens when he passed away April 9, 1900. In fact he was the oldest surviving early settler of Wellington Township for some years before he died. He cast his first presidential vote for the whig candidate, William Henry Harrison, and was afterwards a loyal republican. During the war he was enrolling officer. He served his home township as constable one term and as assessor eight consecutive years, and for seven years was president of the agricultural society.

Henry W. Manley is the only son and child of the late Frederick B. and Mary L. Wadsworth Manley. He grew up in his home town of Wellington, attended the public schools, and early adopted farming as his permanent vocation in life. In 1903 Mr. Manley removed from his farm to Wellington, but he still owns his beautiful homestead of 224 acres. For a number of years he has been in the fertilizer and silo business, has sold fertilizer to the farmers of Lorain and adjoining counties for the past twenty years, and has been agent for various silo manufacturers for the past fourteen years. Thus he has been instrumental in carrying modern improvements to the farming district of this section. In politics he is a republican, Mrs. Manley belongs to the Congregational Society.

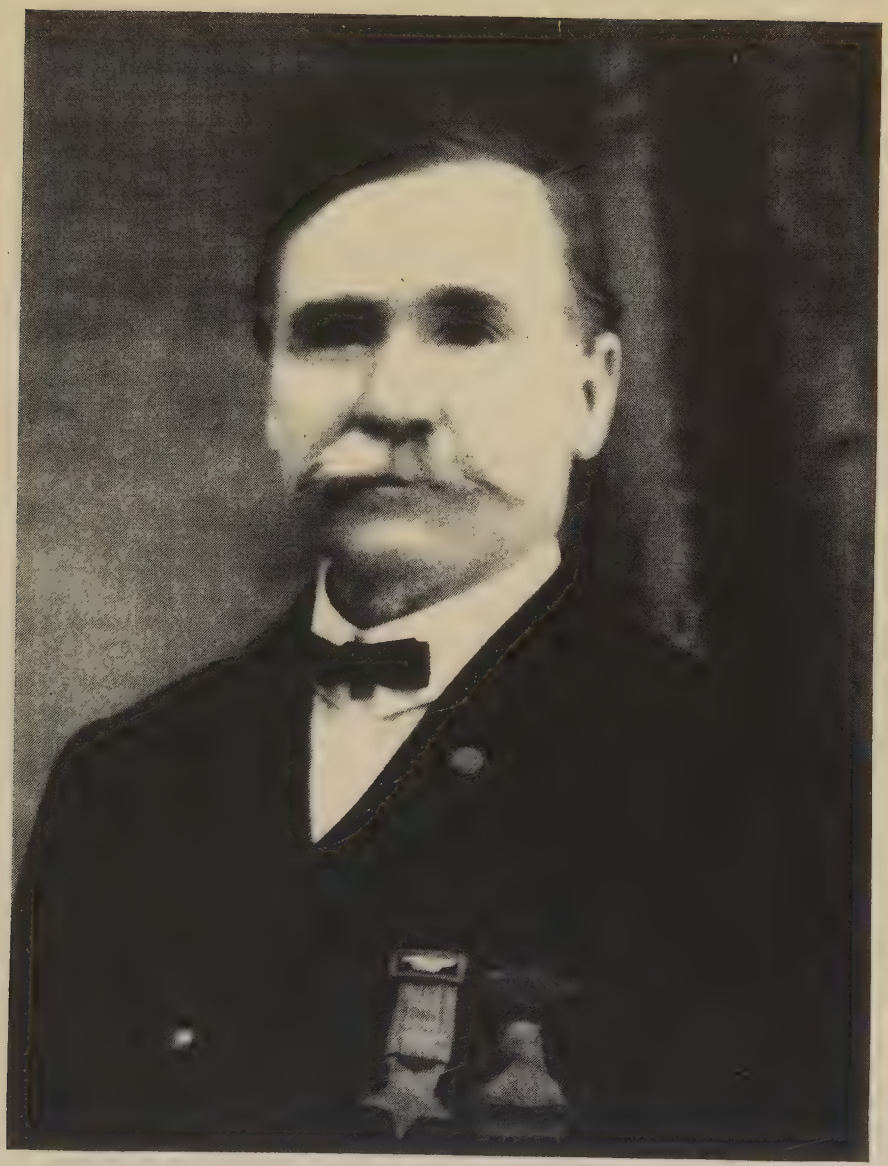
In 1879 Mr. Manley married Adele Hawkes, a daughter of Frederick E. and Mary Jane (Broome) Hawkes. Her father was a native of New York State, moved to Huron County, Ohio, in an early day and was a tinsmith by trade. He died in 1911. He served during the Civil war with an Ohio regiment, was in many engagements, and was captured and was a prisoner in Libby and Andersonville. While in prison he applied his art as a tinsmith in making tin cups and other tin vessels, and exchanged these for beans, a much prized article of diet to these prisoners. Frederick E. Hawkes was a son of B. F. Hawkes, who served with the rank of colonel in the Civil war. Mrs. Frederick E. Hawkes is still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley have one son, Floyd D., who is now engaged in the automobile business at Lorain. He married Elizabeth Matt of Cleveland, Ohio.

Salonas A. Williams. In recent years Salonas A. Williams of Wellington has given his mature experience and ability to public service as state oil inspector. With the exception of a portion of his boyhood, which he spent in the Union army during the Civil war, the career of Salonas A. Williams has been identified with Lorain County practically all his life. He has worked hard and done well every task assigned him by destiny. Oftentimes he has worked against the current rather than with it, and has made himself worthy of the success and esteem which belong to him in the later years.

He was born in Eaton Township of Lorain County May 2, 1849, a son of Alanson and Elizabeth (Jay) Williams. His mother, who was born in Broome County, New York, was a granddaughter of John Jay, one of the most conspicuous characters in early American national history. Mr. Williams' paternal grandfather, Nathan Williams, came out of New York and bought a farm in LaGrange Township in the very early times. Later he moved to Iowa, where he died at the age of ninety-five. He acquired extensive holdings in the new lands of that then western state and was a man of considerable influence and was considered wealthy for his time. Alanson Williams was born in Binghamton, Broome County, New York, in 1818 and died in 1851. He did what many boys of spirit and adventure do, ran away from home, and at the age of eighteen came to Lorain County. He lived the life of a farmer, was a quiet and well esteemed citizen, and at the time of his death left a small farm in LaGrange Township. He married his wife in Lorain County. They were the parents of three children: Lorinda married Philander Nichols, who was a carpenter and died at Wellington, and she now lives with a daughter at Creston in Wayne County, Ohio; Caroline, the other sister of Mr. S. A. Williams, is now living in Kansas City, Missouri, the widow of Demetrius Johnson, who was a soldier and afterwards a stonemason, and died in Kansas.

Salonas A. Williams was twelve years old when the war broke out. Most of his education was received after the war and he attended the public schools only a few terms prior to his enlistment on August 17, 1864, in Company A of the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He reached the front in time to participate in some of the most striking campaigns of the war, and was with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the sea and up through the Carolinas, and was granted an honorable discharge at the close of hostilities. After the war he attended Oberlin College two terms, and has been a resident of Wellington almost continuously since 1868. For a time he worked as clerk in the Bending Works for W. R. Santley, and after two years transferred his services to D. L. Wadsworth in the latter's planing mill, where he remained five



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years. He then assisted Mr. Wadsworth in constructing a planing mill and had charge of its machinery five years. Again he was in the employ of the Santley Works for Mrs. Santley. For ten years Mr. Williams was elected and served as marshal of Wellington.

On September 18, 1872, he married Frances Avery, daughter of Lewis B. Avery, who was an early settler in Pittsfield Township and also owned a farm in Wellington Township and a sawmill. He was killed while working in the sawmill. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had seven children. Myrna B. is the wife of Elmer Kissinger, a farmer at Creston, Ohio; Lewis Archie lives in the West; Gerald Avery conducts an automobile line and has an establishment near Kent, Ohio; Maude is the wife of Jud Jackson, a farmer in Penfield Township; Beulah married Archie Davis, a railroad man at Columbus; Ward is a granite cutter living at Ashland, Ohio; Russell M. is in the railroad service and lives in Columbus. Recently Russell Williams was given an award by the commission who have charge of the Carnegie hero medal fund of $2,000 for having saved some boys from drowning, and he is at this writing preparing to spend this money wisely, or a portion of it at least, in taking up a technical course. The mother of these children died in June, 1909. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Williams has been very prominent in fraternal affairs and particularly so in the Grand Army organization. He is now serving his third term as chairman of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Commission. He has served as commander of the Grand Army Post. He is a member and was state organizer for the Knights of the Maccabees. He has been through all the chairs of the subordinate and encampment degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for six years served as district deputy grand master. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Order.

Politically Mr. Williams is a republican. He was appointed and on July 1, 1915, took charge of the office of oil inspector, having charge of the fifteenth district, including Lorain County and parts of Cuyahoga and Huron counties. He and his family occupy one of the pleasant homes of Wellington.

Fred A. Daugherty. A resident of Wellington for forty years, Fred A. Daugherty has been known in that village and over a wide stretch of surrounding territory as a merchant. He is also known as a man who has been the architect of his own destiny. His start was in the humble capacity of a clerk and general utility boy around a Wellington store, and by making himself master of detail and showing himself fit for increased responsibility he finally acquired a partnership, and for a number of years has directed a very profitable and excellent business.

He was born at Spencer in Medina County, Ohio, September 21, 1863, and was brought to Wellington in 1875 at the age of twelve, by his parents, Z. H. and Hattie (Sawyer) Daugherty. His father was born in New York State, a son of Charles Daugherty. Z. H. Daugherty was only six months of age when his family moved to Medina County, where he grew up and received his education, and he died when still a young man. He was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church and a democrat in politics. He and his wife left four living children: Estella, now Mrs. Pittinger, a widow of Portland, Oregon; Fred A.; Bert, a traveling salesman at Cleveland; and Carl, a telegraph operator at North Olmsted, Ohio.

Fred A. Daugherty completed his education in the Wellington schools and after some experience as a farm hand became clerk in a store at the age of seventeen. Twelve years matured his abilities and made him com-

petent for independent business, and he then bought an interest in the business conducted by Chapman & Robinson, and since then the firm name has been incorporated with a capital stock of $18,000 as the Daugherty-Robinson Company. This is the leading clothing house in the City of Wellington. Mr. Daugherty really has all the active responsibilities of the business.

In 1890 he married Ada Linder, who was born at Wellington, a daughter of Edward Linder, who for a number of years was a general mechanic at Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is a republican in politics. Their three children are: Louise, a kindergarten teacher; Margaret, who is attending the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio; and Albert, now a senior in the Wellington High School.

Herbert E. Arnold. One of Oberlin's substantial business men, proprietor of the chief laundry establishment of the town, Herbert E. Arnold has had a wide and extended business experience, having spent a number of years as a traveling salesman.

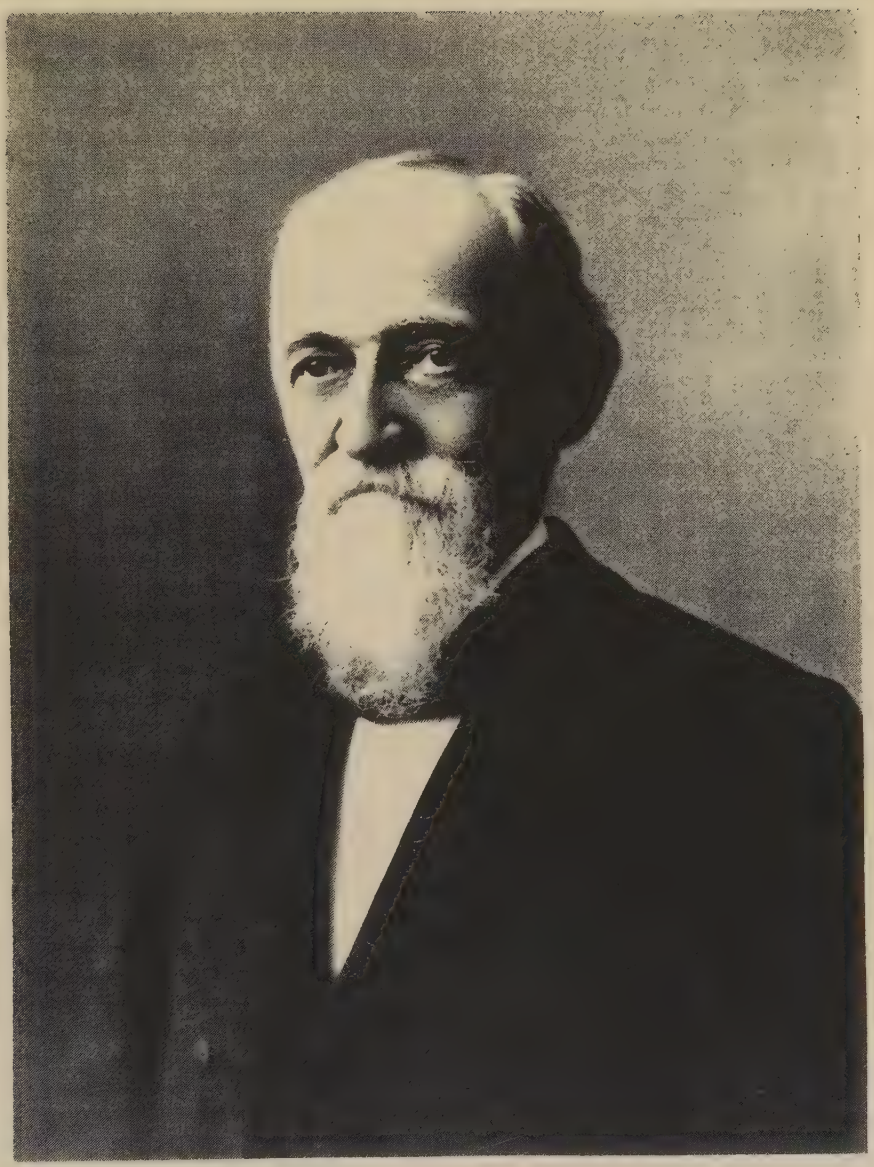
He comes of old New York State stock, and was born in Otsego County of that state June 4, 1863, a son of Alfred and Abigail (Bundy) Arnold. His grandfather, Elias Arnold, went from Connecticut into New York State about 1835 and took up his home in a sparsely settled district where he carved a home out of the wilderness. On the maternal side Mr. Arnold is descended from a still older family of New York State.

Alfred Arnold was born in Connecticut in 1820 and died in 1889. His wife was born in New York State in 1826 and died in 1910. They were married in Otsego County, where Alfred Arnold followed farming for a number of years. He was an active republican in politics, holding several local offices, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Four children were born to their union, and the two now living are Darwin, a farmer in Otsego County, New York, and Herbert E., who was the third in age.

Herbert E. Arnold grew up on a farm in New York State, attended one of the little red schoolhouses and also a union school in the town. His early experiences were those of a farmer until nineteen years of age, and after that he taught school two years and for eight years was a traveling salesman. He first engaged in the laundry business at Cleveland, and remained there for fifteen years. In June, 1905, he bought the laundry at Oberlin, and has since completely remodeled and rearranged the service and has made it second to none in quality in Lorain County.

In 1891 he married Miss Emily Sessions, who was born in Otsego County, New York. They have three children: Fannie, who is now student in the Conservatory of Music in Oberlin College; Rossleene, a senior in Oberlin College, and Herbert S., now a student in the second grade of the public schools. Mr. Arnold is a member of the First Congregational Church, and is a member of the Masonic order. In politics he is a republican and since coming to Oberlin has been chosen to serve on the school board. In 1916 he was appointed on the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Children's Home.

John Wesley Houghton. While the Houghton family has been identified with Lorain County since early times, its associations with the American states and colonies go back to almost the first years of New England. Probably every one in that section of Lorain County tributary to the Village of Wellington knows and esteems the kindly and genial



J. W. Houghton.

Dr. John W. Houghton, who has lived a long life, is now past four score, has practiced medicine and has been engaged in business at Wellington, and is one of the best known older citizens in the county. The interest and value of this publication will be increased by the presence of the following record concerning Doctor Houghton and the various branches of his ancestry.

Born in Batavia, New York, November 24, 1834, John Wesley Houghton is in the seventh generation from the original American settler. For nearly six centuries the family lived in England before one of its representatives crossed the ocean to the New England colonies. The earliest Houghton ancestor went with William the Conqueror from Normandy to England in 1066. His Norman name was "Herverus." In the distribution of the territory among his followers King William gave to Herverus large possessions in Norfolk, Suffolk and Lancashire, in which last place he settled. The land being somewhat more elevated and hilly than the surrounding country, the natives came to call the family "Hoctunes" (Hightown people), which name as the years went by was changed in spelling to Hocton, Hogton, Hoghton, Haughton and Houghton. In New England the name is pronounced as though spelled "Hoton," while in New York and many other places as though spelled Howton. From the original Herverus there were descendants in direct line down to the present owner of Houghton Tower in Lancashire, England. This tower is said by travelers to be the finest remaining example of Norman architecture in England.

The founder of the family in the United States was Ralph Houghton. He was born in 1623 in Lancaster, England, and came to America in 1645-47. After a temporary settlement in Watertown, Massachusetts, he removed to Lancaster in 1650-52. He was a farmer, surveyor, selectman, was a beautiful penman, and was the first clerk and served continuously in that office at Lancaster for twenty-six years. After the massacre of inhabitants and burning of Lancaster by the Indians under King Philip he moved to Milton, which later became a suburb of Boston, and is now a part of that city. His farm was made into a park and cemetery where he and his family are buried. Ralph Houghton was a Puritan in religion and is said to have left England in order to obtain religious freedom. The records show that he joined a church in Milton June 18, 1682, and no doubt it was of the Congregational form. With nine others Ralph Houghton bought a tract of land from the Indians which was incorporated in 1652, but in which a settlement had been made a little previous to 1650, it having been a trading station as early as 1643. Ralph Houghton was well educated for his day, and was a strong character and leading man in the settlement. His wife was Jane Stowe, and the tradition is that she came from England with her husband. Nothing is known of her life or character, but as she reared a family of nine children, all of whom reached maturity and filled honorable places in society, it is proper to conclude that she filled a not unimportant place in the world.

In the second American generation the lineage is carried by James Houghton, who was born about 1650 and died in 1711. He married Mary Sawyer, who was born February 14, 1653. His home was in that part of Lancaster later set off and named Harvard. On land given him by his father he built what is known as a garrison house, the walls being lined with brick and stone as protection against the Indians. This is still standing, having been handed from father to son through five generations. The last owner was Edward Warren Houghton, and he and an only child, an unmarried daughter, were for many years the sole occupants. This daughter, Anna, died in March, 1911, and Edward

W. passed away March 13, 1912, since which time the premises have passed into other ownership.

Edward Houghton, of the third generation, was born in 1705 and died March 17, 1777. His wife, Abigail Coye, died February 6, 1822. Until after his marriage his home was at Lancaster, and he then lived at Pomfret and Uniontown, Connecticut. At Uniontown he built the first mill in that section.

Nehemiah, of the fourth generation, was born March 23, 1728, and married Eunice Curtice. After his marriage he settled in Winchester, New Hampshire, and lived there until his death, having reared a family of ten children. He was a farmer by occupation, held various local offices, and during the war of the Revolution was a lieutenant and captain in the Continental forces.

The fifth generation is represented by Nehemiah Houghton, Jr., who was born August 9, 1767, and died in 1854. He married Lydia Dodge, who was born August 30, 1764. In the southeast corner of the state of Vermont at Vernon he settled on a farm which remained his home the rest of his life. He was a man of great energy and thrift, and though his opportunities were limited he succeeded in acquiring a competence. He was a director of one of the earliest banks at Brattleboro, and held that post until late in life. It is remarkable that every one of his ten children developed strong and worthy characters and filled honorable places in society.

Doctor Houghton's father was Asa Houghton, representing the sixth generation. Asa was born in Vernon, Vermont, September 1, 1795, and died at Wellington, Ohio, September 10, 1875. In younger years he was a noted athlete. He was a natural mechanic, and in pioneer days when the nearest village was twenty miles away and roads only trails he became his own shoemaker, blacksmith, carpenter and joiner, cabinetmaker, brick and stonemason, and it is said that he could fabricate or do almost anything that needed to be done in a new country. This was a skill and variety of accomplishment that stood him and his neighbors in good stead when he moved to Northern Ohio more than eighty years ago. He was in his element when working with machinery and constructed several labor-saving devices. While practical in many ways, he was also a great reader, and works of theology, philosophy, astronomy and poetry furnished him his greatest pleasure. Though possessing little more than a common school education, he gained knowledge far beyond the ordinary, had taught in his youth, became a farmer at Batavia, New York, and in twenty-two years had put himself in comfortable circumstances for that day and generation. After selling out he bought a large tract of heavily timbered land in Northern Ohio, and settled in the middle of a section a mile and a half from neighbors, with no roads in any direction, and a second time started to hew his way out of the woods. Asa Houghton had come to Ohio and invested in raw land with a purpose to make homes for his children about him that they might not be separated from parents and one another as he had been. He was a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in pioneer times, and retained that relation to the end. In politics he was a whig until the republican party was born, and thereafter affiliated with that organization. He was reserved and modest to excess, and avoided all public places of responsibility. However, his nature and sound convictions made him a reformer, and he kept in active sympathy with human progress. Intolerance and bigotry found no place in his genial soul. With every opportunity to do so he never allowed himself to lapse into indolent ease. His brave and noble

patience, his cheerfulness, dignity and courtesy were a rare example of a fine nature tempered by grace.

Asa Houghton was first married May 16, 1816, to Tamzin Bigelow, of Batavia, New York. She died September 17, 1829, the mother of four sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to a ripe age and had not only physical vigor but intellectual and moral powers that made them quite the equal of those of their day and opportunities. For his second wife Asa Houghton married Clarissa Cole. She was born August 27, 1798, and died March 17, 1881. As the mother of Doctor Houghton it will be proper to trace her American lineage briefly to the first ancestor in this country.

James Cole, born in Highgate, a suburb of London, and married in 1624, Mary Lobel. In 1632 he came to Saco, Maine, and in 1633 located in Plymouth, Massachusetts. He bought land on which rests the famous Plymouth Rock, and soon afterwards opened the first public house in Plymouth, if not the first in all New England. The second generation from James was represented by Hugh Cole, who was born in 1627, and married Mary Foxwell. He was a surveyor, a shipwright, civil engineer, a man of great prominence and influence, served as representative from 1673 to 1689, and was active in the war against King Philip. The third generation is also represented by Hugh, who was born March 8, 1658, and died February 17, 1738. He married Deborah Buckland. Their son, Hugh, of the fourth generation, was born May 30, 1683, and died June 14, 1753. He was married December 13, 1705, to Martha Luther, and his home was at Swansea, Massachusetts. In the fifth generation was another Hugh, who was born September 19, 1706, and was married August 13, 1730, to Jane Sisson. He lived at Swansea. In the sixth generation was Sisson, who was born June 20, 1746, in Rhode Island, and died in Richfield, New York, March 28, 1845. Sisson Cole was a soldier in the Revolution. He married Elizabeth Hunter, who was born January 18, 1746, and died November 12, 1842. James Cole, of the seventh generation, was born February 16, 1778, in Rhode Island, and died in 1873 in the State of Michigan. He married Lydia Paine. He was an active member of the Free Will Baptist Church from its organization, was a pronounced anti-slavery man, and as a farmer and business man succeeded well.

Clarissa Cole, of the eighth generation, and the wife of Asa Houghton, was a woman of great energy. She was proficient in all the arts of the pioneer housewife, including the skill to card wool by hand, spinning, weaving cloth for men's clothing and woolen sheets for bedding, and working up linen made from the raw flax. From girlhood she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In her long line of ancestry were many who were distinguished in law, medicine, religion, art and science. Clarissa Houghton had a remarkable memory for names, dates and events, and retained her mental faculties to the last.

A son of Asa and Clarissa (Cole) Houghton, Dr. John W. was only a child when he came with his parents to Northern Ohio. Up to about twenty he lived on a farm for the most part, and gained his early education in common schools that were far below the standard of the equipment and facilities found in schools of the same grade of the present time. Like others of the family his horizon and outlook were never bounded by immediate circumstances and necessity. After completing the freshmen year in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, he taught for a short time, then entered Baldwin University at Berea, Ohio, and on June 13, 1860, was graduated A. B., and in 1863, the same institution awarded him his master's degree. In the meantime he had carried along with his literary studies work in medicine and received his

degree M. D. in the spring of 1860, the same time he graduated from the department of arts and literature.

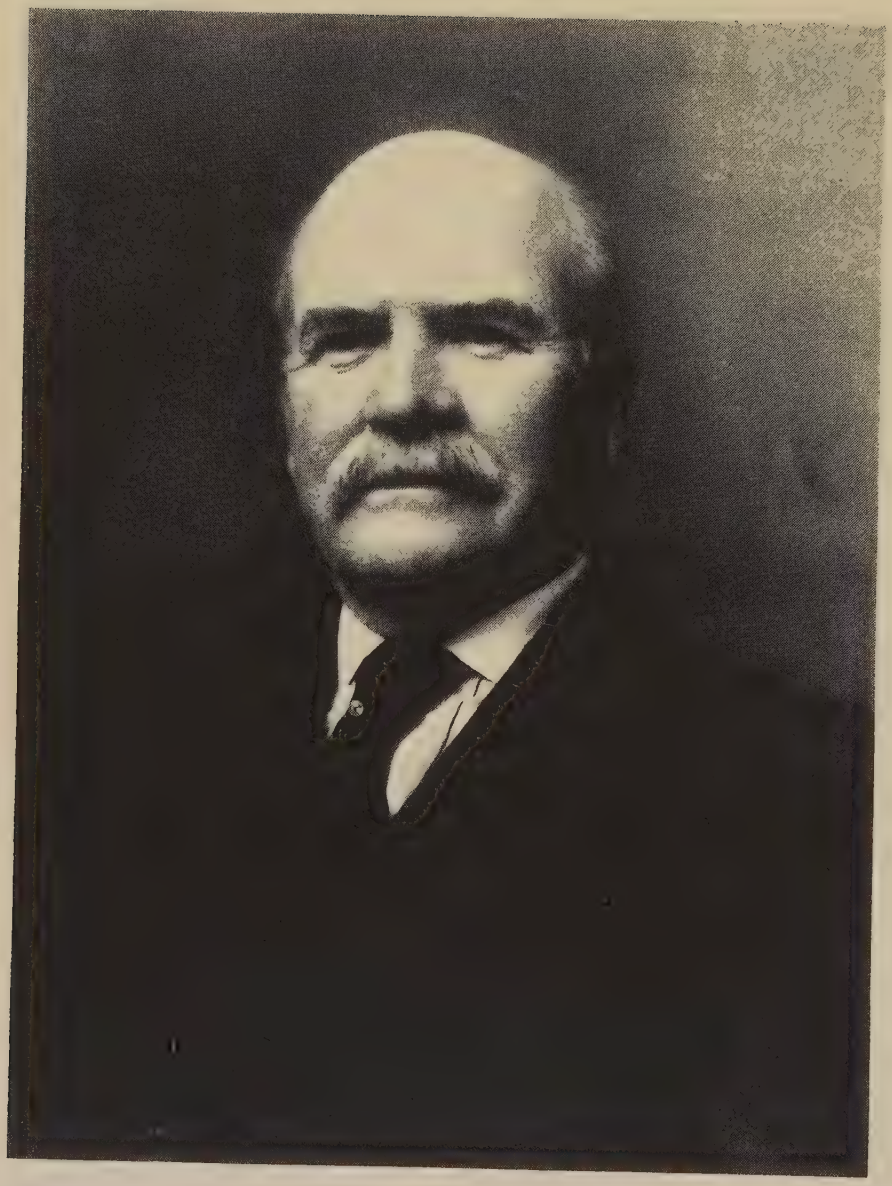
In the year of his graduation Doctor Houghton settled at Wellington, and has thus been identified with that community fully fifty-five years. He took up the practice of medicine, and served a large and appreciative clientage for about fifteen years. On account of frail health he then gave up active practice and engaged in the drug and book trade, which was continued to the spring of 1909. Since that year he has only been engaged in the practice of optometry, which he had practiced along with his drug business. From 1876 to 1885 Doctor Houghton owned, edited and published the Wellington Enterprise.

In politics he has been a republican since the party was organized in 1856. However, his voting has not been entirely confined to one party, and in later years he has been actively engaged in temperance reform. His public service has been as a member of the town council, school board, as president of the school board, as mayor, and as justice of the peace. Since he was eighteen years of age he has been a member of the Methodist Church, has served on the official board of the Wellington Church in various capacities continuously since 1866, and had charge of the building of the present Methodist Church and was largely in charge of the addition for the Sabbath school. He is president of the board of trustees.

November 26, 1861, Doctor Houghton married Mary E. Seymour. She was born April 13, 1839, in Rochester, New York, and died September 6, 1873. Her parents were Henry and Clarissa (Whitney) Seymour, of Tallmadge, Ohio. Her father was a draughtsman and carriage builder, had a leading part in the Methodist Church, and held various township offices at Tallmadge. Mrs. Houghton gained a somewhat limited education at Baldwin University in Berea, and taught school for several terms before her marriage. She is remembered as a woman of great dignity and strength of character, and one who combined with intelligence a remarkable fortitude and courage.

On October 22, 1874, Doctor Houghton married Mary E. Hayes. She was born March 26, 1837, in Penfield, Ohio, daughter of William L. and Aurilla (Lindsley) Hayes. Her father was a pioneer in that township and an active and prominent leader in civil, religious and educational enterprises. In Mrs. Houghton's ancestry were many distinguished persons, a record of whom has been kept in continuous line from their first coming to America. Mrs. Houghton early in life manifested a passionate fondness for literature, read widely and well, developed unusual clearness, force and elegance of diction as a writer, and for nine years was associate editor and the chief contributor to the columns of the Wellington Enterprise. She also contributed to the columns of various other newspapers and periodicals. She is a member of the Cleveland Woman's Press Club, which was the Ohio Woman's Press Club until that of Cleveland withdrew, taking its present name. She is also a member of the oldest literary club of Wellington, is an honorary life member of the Ohio Womans Christian Temperance Union and of the Woman's Missionary Society, both home and foreign.

The children of Doctor Houghton, all by his first wife, were three in number. Elmer Seymour Houghton, born September 11, 1862, is a graduate of the Wellington High School, was a student in Oberlin College, and all his life has been a reader of literary and scientific work and a forcible writer. Since school days he has been a compositor on the Cleveland Leader and Plain Dealer, and since 1903 has operated a linotype machine in the Plain Dealer composing room, and it is said that he has scarcely ever lost a day from his duties and has a record that is a



W. E. Brooks

model of faithfulness, energy and conscientiousness. Elmer S. Houghton married Ellen Miller, of Cleveland, who was born February 10, 1860, and died February 3, 1892. For his second wife he married Mary Johnson, on December 24, 1894. She was born November 8, 1869.

The second child of Doctor Houghton was Flora Ellen, who was born April 19, 1864, and died February 7, 1879. His daughter Mary Josephine, born February 10, 1872, was handicapped from early childhood by an attack of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Notwithstanding she has acquired an unusual literary culture and her memory of historical events, names and dates is almost unexampled. She has fairly mastered the use of the typewriter and prepared for the press the principal part of the genealogical history of the Houghtons in America, lately published. She is also active in church work, and is still at home with her parents at Wellington.

While only the briefest outline of Doctor Houghton's activities has been attempted, it will be appropriate in conclusion to express an estimate of his character and activities from the viewpoint and largely with the words of a friend and associate. He is a man of decided opinions, keen moral sense, admitting of no prevarications, and almost entirely lacks those instincts of policy that safeguard self interest. In fact he is liberal to prodigality in dealing with his fellow men, and is charitable to everyone's faults and weaknesses but his own. His pronounced literary tastes are in the realm of the philosophic and logical rather than the imaginative or descriptive. He is disposed to get to the foundation of things and always requires proof or good reasons for conclusions. To study in his company is not to find easy reading. To engage his time or attention a piece of writing must be worth while. At the same time this seriousness in his reading pursuits does not preclude his hearty enjoyment of humor and social life. He has always been a contributor as well as a participant in the genial companionship and friendship with his equals. His friends are not hastily chosen but once in the enclosure of his confidence are likely to abide there. His domestic virtues dominate all others. He is known as a liberal in theology and takes into his fellowship all of whatever name or doctrine who are trying to "deal justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God."

WALTER E. BROOKS. In the management of large business affairs Elyria has had no more conspicuous figure during the last forty-five years than Walter E. Brooks. With an inheritance of the rugged New England stock which peopled Northern Ohio in pioneer times, with a vigorous training from the country districts of Lorain County, Walter E. Brooks first became a figure in commercial affairs at Elyria in 1870. Since then his name has been associated with some of the largest companies and industrial and business affairs in the city.

Born in Avon Township, Lorain County, August 13, 1846, he is a son of James E. and Elizabeth (Sweet) Brooks. The paternal grandparents were Joshua and Polly Brooks, who were natives of Vermont and were among the early settlers of Avon Township, where his grandfather cleared a home from the wilderness and was an influential figure as long as he lived. The maternal grandparents also came from Vermont, and the names of Waterman and Amy Sweet are also to be numbered among those found in the early history of Avon Township. James E. Brooks, the father of Walter E., came when a boy from Vermont to Ohio, and for many years conducted a typical country store in Avon Township. He also held the office of justice of the peace while living there, but after 1870 lived in Elyria until his death.

Walter E. Brooks was twenty-four years of age when he identified

himself with the City of Elyria. In the meantime he had attended country schools, and had gained considerable knowledge of business in his father's store and elsewhere. On moving to Elyria he engaged in the agricultural implement and hardware business, and he laid the foundation for his larger success by eighteen years as a merchant. For many years one of his distinctions in business affairs has been as president and active head of the prominent local firm of Topliff & Ely Manufacturing Company. He first became interested in this concern in 1888, and afterwards acquired most of its stock.

The range of his business interests has been very extended. From 1890 to 1895 he supplied the capital and enterprise for the drilling of many oil wells in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and he also carried on extensive operations in the Ohio oil fields. Mr. Brooks for a number of years has served as president of the American Construction & Trading Company, a million dollar corporation with headquarters at Elyria, Ohio. For the past ten years he has also been prominent in the construction and extension of telephone service both in this and other states. In 1905 he became president of the Elyria Telephone Company, and likewise was president of the Elyria Southern Telephone & Telegraph Company. He took an active part in a number of companies that built telephone exchanges in various sections of New York State. Mr. Brooks is a director of the Elyria National Bank and his property interests include real estate at Elyria and Lorain and in cities outside Lorain County.

As a business man he has never failed to live up to his obligations as a citizen. For four years he was president of the Elyria City Council. The public spirited movements which have been undertaken and carried out under the auspices of the Elyria Chamber of Commerce have always had his hearty support and approval. He is a member of the Country Club, is a thirty-second degree Mason, and has served as exalted ruler of Elyria Lodge No. 456, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was initiated April 27, 1868, into King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons; into Fellow Craft, December 28, 1868; and was made a Master Mason March 8, 1869. He and his family attend the Congregational Church.

In 1877 Mr. Brooks married Fannie Topliff, daughter of the late John A. and Caroline (Beers) Topliff. At her death in 1893 Mrs. Brooks left two children: Margaret B., who married Theodore E. Faxon; and John Prentice. In 1902 Mr. Brooks married Marella Davis, daughter of Professor Noah K. Davis, formerly of the University of Virginia.

David A. Williams. The career of David A. Williams is a noble illustration of what independence, self-faith and persistency can accomplish in America. He is a self-made man in the most significant sense of the word, for no one helped him in a financial way and he is practically self-educated. As a young man he was vigorous and self-reliant; he trusted in his own ability and did things single-handed and alone. Today he commands esteem as a successful business man and a loyal and public-spirited citizen. Much of his time has been devoted to his business as foreman of the Thew Automatic Shovel Company.

A native son of the Buckeye State, David A. Williams was born in Norwalk, Ohio, January 21, 1870, and he is a son of David O. and Cornelia Ann (Spoors) Williams, both of whom are now deceased. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Pennsylvania, their marriage having been solemnized in the former state. Mr. Williams was an engineer on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad during the greater part of his active career and he met with death by accident at the railroad crossing in Jackson, Michigan, while on duty, at which time

he was but thirty-eight years of age. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company G, Twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served as corporal until he was promoted to the office of captain in Company A, that regiment. He received the latter distinction for recapturing the flag which had been taken by the enemy. This flag is now on exhibition at Columbus, where Mr. and Mrs. David A. Williams saw it while on a visit recently. Mrs. Williams, mother of the subject, passed to the life eternal at Norwalk, in 1914, aged eighty-nine years. There were ten children in the Williams family—five boys and five girls, of whom five are living at the present time, in 1915, as follows: William Henry is a resident of Norwalk, Ohio; Ellis O. is a passenger conductor on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and resides at Galesburg, Illinois; Phoeba Ann is the widow of Thomas Cherry and makes her home at Norwalk; Addie is the wife of Joseph Lillard, of Gilroy, California; and David A. is he whose name forms the caption for this review.

After the demise of his father David A. Williams lived at Bowling Green, Ohio, with his aunt, Adafna Slinker, and in that place received his early schooling. Subsequently he began to work in a grocery store and at the age of sixteen years he returned to Norwalk and entered the shops of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, where he learned the trade of forger. After twelve years' experience in those shops he accepted a position in the Wheeling & Lake Erie shops at Norwalk, remaining there for fifteen months. Thence he went to Connellsville, Pennsylvania, where he worked at the trade of forger in an automobile shop for a time. In 1901 he came to Elyria, Ohio, and here he has since resided. His first position in this place was as a forger for the Thew Automatic Shovel Company and he has been with this concern during the past eleven years, during most of which time he has served as foreman.

At the time of the inception of the Spanish-American war, in 1898, Mr. Williams enlisted in Company G, Fifth Ohio Volunteer Regiment, as a sergeant and he subsequently served as sergeant-major in the Third Battalion. He did not see active service in the war, however, but went as far as Tampa, Florida. Prior to the outbreak of the war he was a member of the Ohio National Guard.

In political allegiance Mr. Williams is a stalwart republican and he has recently become actively interested in local politics. In the primary results of August 10, 1915, he was nominated on the republican ticket for the office of president of the city council of Elyria, winning over his opponent, J. A. Rawson, by a vote of 691 to 467. In his campaign for the nomination he announced himself in favor of a municipal lighting plant and of other public utilities as conditions might warrant, and was elected at the November election and made president of that body. He considers the sidewalks of as much importance as the streets and believes in considering the interests of the property holder in establishing new grades.

In a fraternal way Mr. Williams is a member of Elyria Lodge, No. 103, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is now past noble grand; and he is likewise affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity, being a member of King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Marshal Chapter, No. 47, Royal Arch Masons; Elyria Council, No. 86, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is present conductor; and Elyria Commandery, No. 60, Knights Templars, of which he is past eminent commander. He and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and he is likewise connected with the Yeomen.

October 11, 1899, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Williams to Miss Sarah Gladys Tough, a daughter of Samuel C. and Mary Ellen (Kile) Tough, who are residents of Townsend Center, Ohio, where Mr.

Tough is engaged in the grocery business. Mrs. Williams was born at Norwalk, Ohio, and she completed her educational training at Collins, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have one daughter, Ethel Bernice, a pupil in the graded schools of Elyria. The Williams family occupy a beautiful residence at No. 627 East River Street, directly opposite the beautiful grounds of the Elyria Memorial Hospital, and the same is the scene of many attractive social gatherings. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Williams are devout members of the Congregational Church, to whose good works they are liberal contributors. Mr. Williams is a progressive citizen, a splendid business man and a great lover of the home fireside.

J. H. Calkins. For about three-quarters of a century the Calkins family has been substantially identified with Lorain County. They have been known as energetic and successful farmers, as loyal and public spirited citizens, and as people who have carried more than their individual burdens in the affairs of the community. Of the second generation in Lorain County is J. H. Calkins, whose fine home and farm is located near Kipton in Camden Township.

He was born in Huntington Township of Lorain County, April 5, 1866, a son of Nathan and Sarah (Cook) Calkins, and a grandson on the paternal side of Archer Calkins, who died soon after he brought his family to Lorain County from New York State, and on the maternal side a grandson of William W. Cook. William W. Cook, a native of New York State, came to Camden Township in Lorain County in 1832 and was one of the pioneers, only two or three families having preceded him to that locality. He acquired his land direct from the government, and spent his life as a practical farmer. He cleared up with his own labor a large acreage, and built and lived for a number of years in a log house.

Nathan Calkins was born in New York State in 1816 and died in 1897. He was married in Lorain County in 1858 to Miss Cook, who was born in Camden Township in 1837 and died in 1911. Nathan Calkins was twenty-one years of age when he came to Lorain County in 1837. He had been educated in New York State, and on arriving in Lorain County assumed the heavy responsibilities of a pioneer farmer. He started out in the midst of the wilderness, bought a tract of land, and finished clearing it up and developing it before he left it. His home for twenty-five years was in Huntington Township, after which he moved to Camden Township and after about eighteen months of retirement bought a farm and started over again the work of improvement and development. He burned brick on his own land, and that brick was molded into the structure of a beautiful two-story home which is still standing and for years has been one of the model farm houses of Camden Township. Nathan Calkins before his death had acquired the ownership of 517 acres of land, and all of it was the direct result of his labor and intelligent management. While regarded as one of the wealthiest men of the township he was equally noted for his kindly interest in the community and his progressive spirit. He was a republican and his wife was a member of the Baptist Church. To their union were born seven children, and the five now living are: Nathan Webster, who is unmarried and lives on a farm in Camden Township; J. H. Calkins; William W., a farmer in Camden Township; Reuben, who is unmarried and is a Camden Township farmer; and Frank J., a farmer in Camden Township.

J. H. Calkins grew up in a home of plenty and of liberalizing influences and high ideals. He secured an education in the township schools and was trained to a life of industry on his father's farm. He remained with his father an active assistant in the management of the

MR. AND MRS. J. H. CALKINS

farm until twenty-five years of age. For a few years he rented land, and in 1899 bought his present estate, a place of ninety-five acres, which he devotes to general farming. He has a farm which has well repaid all his energies, and shows in every corner an efficiency and system which might well be studied by less progressive agriculturists.

On December 24, 1890, Mr. Calkins married Miss Sarah E. Freeman, a daughter of George and Caroline (Coydendall) Freeman. Her father was a native of England and for many years was an active farmer in Lorain County. Mr. and Mrs. Calkins have two daughters, Mabel B. and Elsie A. The daughter Mabel is the wife of Vernie Taylor of Pittsfield Township. Mrs. Calkins is an active member of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a republican and is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees. Having always taken an active interest in public affairs, and his work in his own interests having won the confidence of his fellow citizens, he was honored in 1913 by election as township trustee, and his first term was given a vote of confidence by reelection in 1915.

LeRoy Peter Burgett. A member of the young generation of business men of Lorain who is winning success because of the knowledge and mastery of a useful trade, is LeRoy Peter Burgett, who is connected with the well known contracting and building firm of L. A. Burgett & Company. He is a native son of Lorain, a product of its public schools, and received his training here, and his entire career has been passed within its limits. Mr. Burgett was born at Lorain, November 10, 1892, and is a son of Lawrence Anthony and Josephine B. (Miller) Burgett.

LeRoy Peter Burgett attended the public schools of Lorain, following which he further prepared himself for his career by attending a commercial college at Lorain, in which he completed a business course. At that time he was apprenticed to the trade of bricklaying, a vocation which had honorably been followed by his father and grandfather before him, and after serving four years as an apprentice, became a journeyman bricklayer. In this line he secured one year's further experience, and in January, 1913, joined the forces of the concern of L. A. Burgett & Company, with which he has continued to be connected.

Mr. Burgett is a master of business singularly adapted to his inclinations and abilities, and the fact that his work is congenial adds not a little to his possibilities of continued advancement. He is unmarried. With the other members of the family, Mr. Burgett attends Saint Mary's Catholic Church, and is a valued and popular member of the Knights of Columbus.

James L. Edwards. A prominent and old established real estate man of Oberlin, James L. Edwards has been identified with this city in a successful and public-spirited manner for thirty-five years, and is numbered among those who have been instrumental in helping to promote many projects for the upbuilding and progress of the community. His present position of prosperity and influence is the more notable for the fact that he early became dependent upon his own efforts to advance himself in the world and has really had an active business career since early boyhood.

He was born in Gorham, New York, April 25, 1862, a son of Thomas and Rachel (Morgan)) Edwards. Both parents were born in Wales, where their respective families had resided for generations. Thomas Edwards was born in 1823 and died in 1914, and the mother was born in 1824 and is still living though past ninety-two years of age. They were married in England, and in 1860 emigrated to America and settled in New York State. Thomas Edwards was a carpenter and contractor.

and kept at his work until a year before his death, which occurred when he was ninety. In 1873 he removed to Elyria, followed his trade there for a time, and afterwards at Cleveland, and about 1904 established his home in Oberlin, where he spent the rest of his years. Thomas Edwards had the gift of song, like so many Welshmen, and took a prominent part in the musical activities of his church and also in the early days taught a great number of singing classes. Though not a citizen of the United States at the time, he enlisted for service toward the close of the Civil war and served as a carpenter in the army. There were seven children in the family, and the five now living are: Sarah, who lives in Oberlin; W. G., who lives at Oberlin and was for eleven years in the hardware business; James L.; M. F., in the advertising business at Chicago; and Thomas L., a mail carrier at Cleveland.

James L. Edwards finished his education in the high school at Elyria. When only thirteen years of age he gained his first experience as cash boy in a store. For five years he was employed as a clerk by Henry Brush of Elyria and he then went on the road and sold the goods of the Henry Brunt Pottery Company at East Liverpool, Ohio. He did that work for about six months and in 1881 arrived at Oberlin, where he spent three years with the Johnson & Whitney dry goods store. On account of failing health he was compelled to go to the open prairies of Dakota, and he spent about two years there. In 1891 he established himself in the grocery business at Oberlin and after three years sold out his stock, and has since been in business as a real estate man. Mr. Edwards is one of the reliable dealers in real estate, and his transactions have covered the entire State of Ohio and he occasionally handles lands outside the state limits.

In 1890 he married Ella Crittenden, of Ruggles Township, Ashland County, Ohio. Mrs. Edwards was educated in the Academy and the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin. They have one child, Gertrude, wife of R. L. Curtis of Saginaw, Michigan.

The family are members of the Second Congregational Church at Oberlin. Mr. Edwards is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security, and in politics is a republican.

For a time Mr. Edwards served as village assessor, has been president of the local Board of Commerce, has been secretary and is a director of the State Savings Bank, and for fully twenty years has been very active in the Lorain County Agricultural Association, of which he is serving his second term as vice president. In fact, everything that concerns his community is a matter of concern to Mr. Edwards himself. In addition to his regular business he represents the Studebaker automobile with agency covering three townships. He resides in a beautiful home in the suburbs of Oberlin, and owns a tract of twenty acres surrounding it.

Henry Otis Fifield. It is given to few men to round out such a life of varied service as that of Henry Otis Fifield, the veteran editor and well known citizen of Wellington. He can properly claim to be one of the oldest printer-editors in the State of Ohio, and is still using his pencil or typewriter and making copy every working day. At this writing in the spring of 1916 he enjoys the best of health at the age of seventy-four, and his friends join with him in hoping to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday.

His interesting career began at Corrina, Maine, August 7, 1841. At an early age his parents moved to Bangor, where they resided several years. He is a son of Samuel Stillman and Naomi (Pease) Fifield. His mother died in 1848. In 1863 Samuel S. Fifield, Sr., together with his two sons, Samuel S., Jr., and Henry O., went west and located in Pres-

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cott, Wisconsin, where they resided until after the Civil war, when the father joined his oldest son at Osceola Mills, Wisconsin, and died in 1869.

In 1858 at the age of seventeen Henry O. Fifield left school and entered the printing office to learn the "art preservative of all arts," and with the exception of three years' service in the Union army during the Civil war has since been engaged in the newspaper business in various parts of the country.

April 19, 1861, he enlisted in the famous First Minnesota Regiment, which was the first regiment accepted by Mr. Lincoln for three months' service. The command was sent south in May, arriving in Washington in time to take part in the first battle of Bull Run, where it lost 182 men and retired from the field in good order. For that act the regiment was recognized as one of the best in the service at that time, and during the entire war it kept up its record for bravery and gallant performance of duty. At Antietam, September 17, 1862, the regiment lost 147 men and stood its ground to the end of the battle. At Gettysburg it again distinguished itself sustaining the greatest loss of any regiment in the war—83 per cent. This act of almost unprecedented heroism came on the evening of the second day of Gettysburg at 7 o'clock. The regiment was ordered by General Hancock to charge against four times its numbers at an important place in the line, where there existed a gap between the third corps and the main line of the second corps extending to the cemetery. In responding to this command the colors fell seven times and of the 264 officers and men who made the charge only 47 came out alive, while 17 out of the 23 officers lay dead and wounded upon the field. And historical critics say that not a man skulked or was missing.

Up to date Mr. Fifield has been in the printing business upwards of fifty-seven years and in the early days he helped carry the influence of the printing press to the bounds of civilization on the frontier. In 1869-72 he conducted the Bayfield Press on Lake Superior, moving the plant from that place to Ashland in 1872. He was the pioneer printer there. In fact the town existed only on paper when he began the publication of his paper in the primeval forest, where there were more Chippewas than white men. However, Ashland was the lake terminus of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, now known as the "Soo road" and within a few years it became a prosperous city and one of the great iron shipping ports on Lake Superior. After he left Ashland in 1873 he worked on the Stillwater Lumberman and also the Gazette of the same city. In 1879 he bought the Menominee (Mich.) Herald, and for twenty-three years issued that sheet, both as a daily and weekly.

In 1902 Mr. Fifield removed to Wellington, Ohio, where he has since resided, owning and editing the Wellington Enterprise. In politics he has been a republican since that party was born "under the oaks at Jackson, Michigan," and has the honor of being a stalwart all these years.

September 25, 1866, at Osceola Mills, Wisconsin, he married Miss Emma L. Walker. They had one son who died at the age of twenty-nine, and his daughter is now living with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fifield.

JOHN PATERSON. A native of bonnie old Scotland, where he was reared and educated, a scion of fine old Scottish stock, Mr. Paterson possesses in marked degree the sterling traits of character that have always designated the sturdy race from which he is sprung. About one year after his arrival in the United States he established his home at Lorain, and here he has become one of the representative and especially

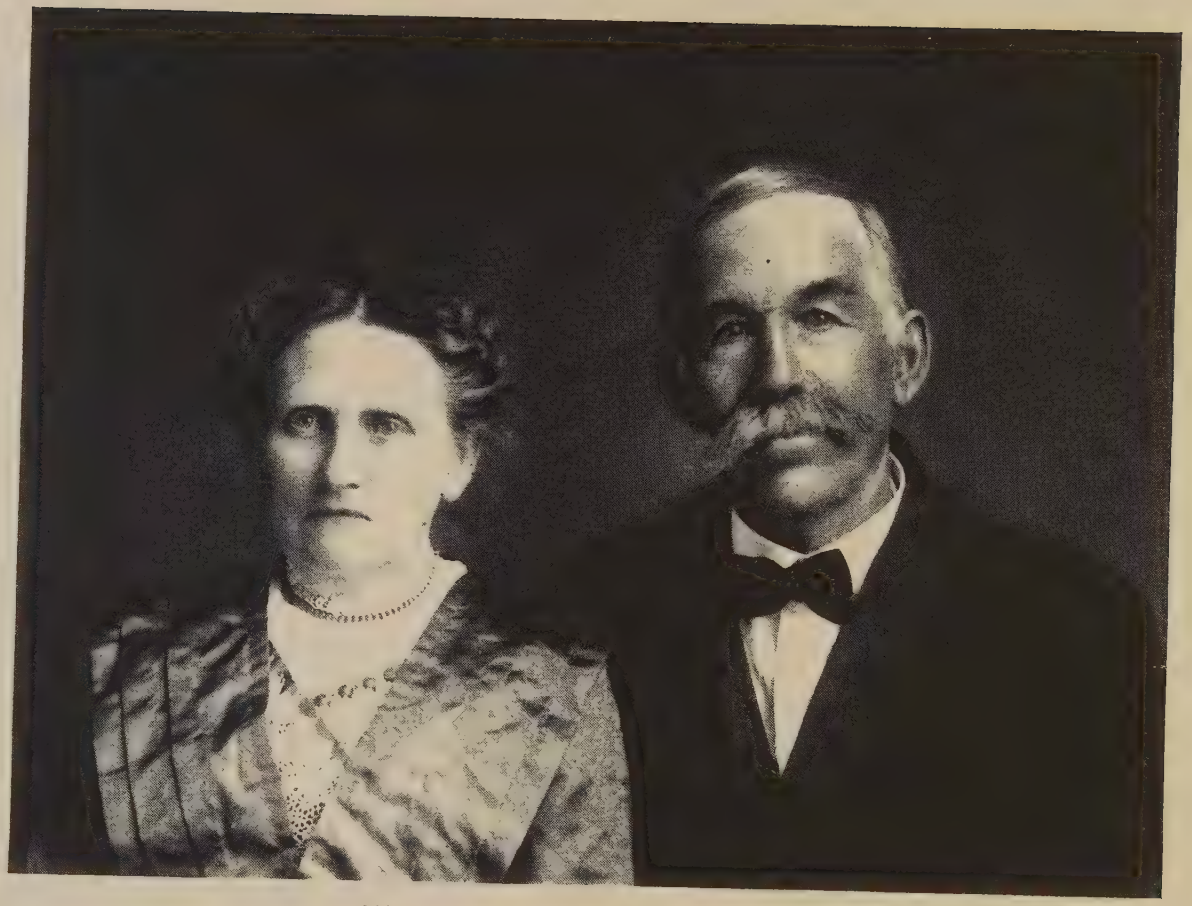
successful contractors and builders of Lorain County, in the domain of brick, stone and concrete construction. His fine technical ability as a brick and stone mason is supplemented by energy, ambitious purpose and marked executive and business ability and thus he has been able to develop an extensive and prosperous enterprise as a contractor, in which connection he has been identified with the construction of virtually all important buildings of the more elaborate order in Lorain County within the last decade, his interposition having been sought in the providing and installing of the high grade cut stone work on many fine buildings that in this respect stand as enduring monuments to his skill. His character and achievement have gained him secure place in popular esteem and he is one of the well known and influential business men of the younger generation in Lorain.

Picturesquely situated on the River Tay, in Perthshire, Scotland, is the Village of Errol, which figures as the native place of Mr. Paterson, his birth having there occurred on the 20th of September, 1879, and that village being still the home of his honored parents, Thomas and Margaret (Watson) Paterson, his father being a stone mason by trade and vocation.

Mr. Paterson duly availed himself of the advantages afforded in the schools of his native land and as a boy he gained his initial knowledge of the stonemason's trade under the effective direction of his father. He served a thorough apprenticeship and in due time became a skilled workman, especially in cut stone architectural work. In 1903, when about twenty-four years of age, Mr. Paterson severed the gracious ties that bound him to home and native land and, amply fortified in ambition and in practical knowledge of a trade which ever offers excellent opportunities for the expert artisan and faithful worker, he immigrated to the United States. He passed the first year in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then came to Ohio and established his permanent residence in the City of Lorain, his good judgment in taking this action having been effectually demonstrated by the large and worthy success he has here achieved. Mr. Paterson is a young man of vigorous and buoyant nature and greatly enjoys outdoor sports, especially football. He is actively affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which his maximum prestige is represented by his membership in the Lorain commandery of Knights Templars. This popular young Scotsman, who has entered fully into the spirit of American customs and institutions, still permits his name to remain enrolled on the list of eligible bachelors in Lorain County.

Charles Manning Irish. During a period of nearly thirty years Charles Manning Irish has been identified with the business and financial interests of Lorain, and while he now gives the greater part of his attention to banking matters, in his capacity of secretary and treasurer of the Lorain Banking Company, he is still interested in the general merchandise store which he opened on first coming to Lorain and of which he is half owner. It has been his fortune to have contributed to the making of financial and commercial history here during several decades, and in this time he has always maintained a high reputation for strict fidelity and integrity which has made him the repository of a number of public trusts.

Mr. Irish was born September 14, 1862, at Pittsfield, Lorain County, Ohio, and is a son of Charles and Jane (Ware) Irish, his father being a blacksmith and farmer. The public schools of his native community supplied him with his early educational training, and as a youth he adopted the vocation of farming, an occupation which he followed for some seven or eight years, or until coming to Lorain, in 1886. Here he joined the business colony as the proprietor of a small general store,



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which proved successful from the start, the young merchant seeming to possess just those attributes and characteristics which attract prosperity in any line. Courteous, enterprising, ambitious and industrious, he built up an excellent trade. Having succeeded so well in his initial venture, Mr. Irish was encouraged to enter a different line, and accordingly opened a grocery store, in which he now owns a half interest.

The Lorain Banking Company was organized in September, 1905, with a capital of $125,000, its first officers being: Capt. Richard Thew, president; Orville Root, first vice president; L. M. Moore, second vice president; and E. M. Pierce, secretary and treasurer. Its officers in 1915 are the same, with the exception of Charles M. Irish, secretary and treasurer, with Irven Roth as assistant secretary and treasurer. The capital remains as $125,000, but the institution at this time has surplus and undivided profits of $10,000, and deposits of $500,000. The new banking house is a handsome three-story brick edifice, 28 by 120 feet, including the banking rooms, offices and apartments, and the institution, which pays 4 per cent on savings, is considered one of the strong, substantial and conservative concerns of northern Ohio.

Mr. Irish is a director of the National Bank of Commerce of Lorain and is variously interested in other ventures. As a citizen he has taken an active part in public affairs, having been elected county treasurer in 1905 and serving two terms beginning from 1906. He has been a member of the city council for a long period, and for fifteen years a member of the school board, and in the latter body served four years as president, until his resignation. His public life has been characterized by the same fidelity to duty and unswerving integrity that have made notable and successful his personal affairs. Fraternally, Mr. Irish is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias.

On February 9, 1887, Mr. Irish was united in marriage with Miss Florence Baker, of Kipton, Lorain County, Ohio, and to this union there have been born four children: Blanche Irene, Ruth Marie, Glenn Marion and Warren Baker.

Nathan Miller. Of those farm homes in Wellington Township which represent the last word in improvement, cultivation, fertility and skillful management, the Nathan Miller farm is one of especial interest, not only because it represents those various qualities enumerated, but also because it is the home of one of the sterling citizens of Lorain County.

Born in Medina County, Ohio, June 29, 1849, Nathan Miller is a son of Silas and Lydia (Branch) Miller. The family are of New England stock. His grandfather, Ephraim Miller, was born in Massachusetts, and came out to Ohio at the advanced age of eighty-six, and lived to be ninety-three. The maternal grandfather, Nathan Branch, was a native of New York State, lived for a number of years in Ohio, but finally moved to Michigan, where he died. Nathan Branch was both a farmer and physician. Silas Miller was born in Massachusetts, April 2, 1802, and died June 1, 1883. He came from Medina County, Ohio, in 1839, took up a farm, afterwards sold it and moved to Russia Township in Lorain County in 1851, where he acquired land at $10 an acre. After two years he sold his farm for $25 an acre and his next home was on a farm in Amherst, and in 1864 he moved to Wellington Township, where he established his permanent home on a farm of 174 acres and lived there until his death. Silas Miller married for his first wife, Cynthia Holcomb, and they were the parents of three children, one of whom is still living. He was married in Medina County to Lydia Branch, who

was born in 1809 and died in April, 1886. By that union there were five children, and the two now living are Lucinda Whitehead, wife of a gardener in Penfield Township of Lorain County; and Mr. Nathan Miller. Both parents were members of the Congregational Church, and Silas Miller was a republican in politics.

Nathan Miller acquired his early education in the district schools at Amherst and at Wellington. He grew up on a farm, took to that vocation naturally, and though he started out on a modest scale he has acquired a prosperity that speaks well of his persistent industry and his good judgment. He now owns 475 acres of land, including his father's old homestead. He bought out the other heirs to this place for $8,150 and for many years has conducted his farming operations on a broad and extensive scale. While engaged in general farming he also conducts a dairy of about forty cows, and has altogether some eighty-five head of cattle. He specializes in the thoroughbred Holstein. In the course of his many years of residence in Wellington Township Mr. Miller has effected numerous improvements, and he and his family now reside in a very fine country home.

In 1883 he married Miss Elizabeth Dute, a daughter of Casper Dute, who was born in Germany, but spent his active career as a farmer in Amherst Township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had nine children: Herbert C., who lives on his father's farm, married Blanche Myers, and they have three children, Grace, Harold and Harriet E.; Laura, wife of Don Barber, who is employed in the postoffice at Wellington, and they have one child, Robert; Minerva, who is a typist and makes her home with her father; Rollin, at home; Lida, widow of A. L. Bacon, reference to whom is made on other pages; Clara, who married William Warren, has one child, Ralph, and lives on a farm in Russia Township; Archie, at home; Wesley, at home; and L. G., who is still attending school. The family are members of the Baptist Church and in politics Mr. Miller is a republican.

Otis E. Peabody. One of the factors in the mercantile enterprise of Oberlin is Otis E. Peabody, who belongs to some of the stanch agricultural stock of Lorain County, and who about fifteen years ago engaged in business in the college town as a dealer in implements and farm hardware. He gives his best energies and time to the management of this flourishing business, and has been very successful.

The family represented by this merchant has been identified with Lorain County for more than seventy years. Otis E. Peabody was born on a farm in Lorain County October 6, 1871, a son of Harvey M. and Martha (Petty) Peabody. The Peabodys are of old New England stock. Grandfather David Peabody was born in Vermont July 10, 1812, and settled in Lorain County in the year 1843, when the inhabitants still were living in the midst of comparative pioneer conditions and had a heavy task to perform in clearing up the country. David Peabody lived to be ninety-three years of age. He was a very saintly man and the esteem felt for him was not confined to one locality. The maternal grandfather was Thomas Petty, who was an Englishman and brought his family over to America in a sailing vessel, locating in Lorain County about 1840.

Harvey M. Peabody was born in Vermont October 20, 1837, and was only six or seven years of age when he came to Lorain County. His career was spent as a farmer until 1897, at which date he retired and moved into Oberlin. He owned a fine farm, and was quite prosperous. He died March 25, 1914. In politics he was a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born in Lorain County in

1842, and is still living. The parents were married in 1863. Their five children were: William H., a farmer living at Elyria; Clayton D., a Lorain County farmer; Otis E.; Mattie B., wife of Harry I. Squire, a coal dealer at Oberlin; and Ethel B., wife of Homer Worcester, a contractor at Youngstown, Ohio.

Otis E. Peabody grew up on a farm. His education came from the district schools, with one year in city grammar school and with a course in the Oberlin Business College. He and a brother managed the home farm for their father for a number of years, but in 1902 Mr. Peabody came to Oberlin and set up a business as a dealer in implements and farm hardware. He was the only dealer in that line when he first began and has since extended his trade over a wide radius of country.

In 1893 Mr. Peabody married Laura Wellman, a native of Lorain County. They have two children, Doris W. and Lois L., both attending school. Mrs. Peabody died November 5, 1910. She was a devout member of the First Baptist Church. On July 24, 1913, he married Louetta Siemens. She was also born in Lorain County, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Peabody is a Methodist.

In politics he has been identified with the republican organization since casting his first vote, and his work and influence have not been without substantial benefit to his community. He served as township assessor eight years and is now in his third successive term as a member of the city council of Oberlin. Mr. Peabody recently completed a splendid new home at Oberlin, equipped with all the modern comforts and conveniences.

A. W. Mitchell. One of the thrifty, honorable and highly esteemed citizens of Rochester Township, A. W. Mitchell several years ago reached that fortunate point in life where he was able to retire from the heavier responsibilities of business, and is now enjoying the comforts supplied by his many years of capable work as a farmer. Mr. Mitchell is one of the surviving veterans of the great Civil war, and besides his military service rendered in the critical days of the '60s, he has made his influence count for value in various local offices in his home county.

He was born in Rochester Township of Lorain County, December 10, 1846, and is now approaching the seventieth milestone on life's journey. His parents were Peter and Catherine (Conklin) Mitchell. His father was born in the North of Ireland in 1790, came to the United States when young, and was married in New York State to Miss Conklin, who was born near Kenyon, New York, in 1815, and died in 1904. They came to Lorain County and settled in Rochester Township in 1844, where Peter Mitchell died in 1853. When he came to Ohio he brought with him twenty oxen and one horse and wagon, and was a rather successful man for his time. He cleared up a tract of land in Lorain County, and owned 165 acres at the time of his death. He was a whig in politics, and adhered to the abolitionist cause and afterwards was a loyal republican. His wife was a member of the Baptist Church. They had a large family of sixteen children, three of whom are still living: Sidney, a farmer in South Dakota; Frank, a farmer in Rochester Township; and A. W. Mitchell, who is the youngest of the family. Several of the sons served as soldiers in the Civil war. George was a soldier, and was murdered shortly after his return home. Sidney was in the army from 1861 until his honorable discharge in 1865, and was in all the engagements in which the Third Ohio Cavalry participated.

A. W. Mitchell was not yet fifteen years old when the war broke out, and after restraining his patriotism several years he enlisted August 13, 1864, in Company F of the Third Ohio Cavalry and was with that regiment until the close of hostilities. He took part in practically all

the campaigns from Chattanooga to Atlanta and thus participated in one of the severest campaigns of the entire war. At Peachtree Creek he was wounded and he still carries the bullet in his body.

Prior to entering the army he had attended the district schools and afterwards he learned the blacksmith's trade and followed it steadily at Rochester for twenty-six years. He then bought on credit his father's old homestead, paid for it after a number of years of hard work and good management and finally sold out and retired. Mr. Mitchell still owns a nice place of fifteen acres in Rochester, and his means are such that he is under no necessity to perform hard labor any longer.

He first married Dora Vosburg, who died in 1885, leaving one daughter, Rena, now the wife of Charles Call, a worker in the foundry at New London. In 1887 Mr. Mitchell married Rachel Curry, who was born at Troy, Ohio, but came to Lorain County with her parents when a small girl. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell attend the Baptist Church, he is a member of the Grand Army Post, and in politics is a republican. For seven years he acted as marshal of Rochester and was a member of the village council seventeen years.

Perry Mennell, farmer and dairyman whose homestead is on Island Road in Eaton Township, near Grafton Postoffice, was born on the old family homestead in Grafton Township May 29, 1844, and is a son of Crispin, better known as Duke, and Mary (Hardy) Mennell. The history of the Mennell family is given on other pages.

He grew up as a farmer boy, lived with his father until twenty-one, and then started farming on a place of fifty acres given him by his father. He also spent some time in his early life in Kansas and Nebraska.

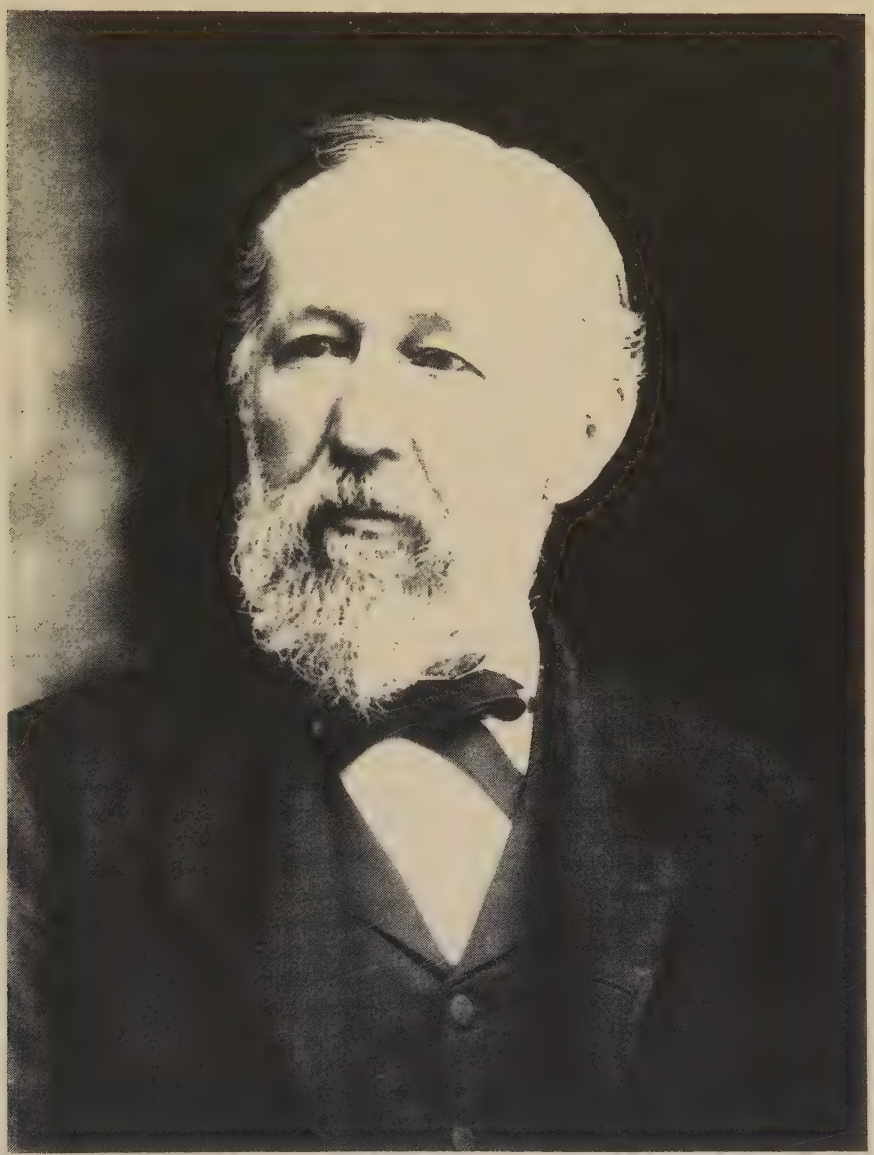
April 10, 1887, he married in Grafton Township, Miss Mary Mole, who was born in Eaton Township a daughter of Henry and Ann (Gardner) Mole, natives of England. Her parents after marriage came to Lorain County, and her father lived on a farm in Eaton and afterwards in Grafton townships. Mr. Mennell since his marriage has accumulated property and made a striking success as a farmer. He now owns 172 acres in Grafton Township, and in 1897 bought his present home place.

He and his wife are the parents of four children: Louis M., born in Grafton Township, married Treva Benton, and they have one child; their home is on a farm in Grafton Township. The son Harry died at the age of seven years. Thena is now a sophomore in the Elyria High School. Alton is also in the sophomore class of the Elyria High School. Mr. Mennell is independent in politics, and he and his wife attend the Disciples Church at Eaton.

L. F. Clifford of Wellington Township, is one of the oldest living native sons of that locality in Lorain County. He is now eighty-two years of age, and he represents a family which has been identified with Wellington Township since the first settler broke open trails into that then wilderness. That was nearly 100 years ago. L. F. Clifford on his farm home has some interesting relics of pioneer times in this township, in the shape of a frame barn which was the first frame building erected in Wellington.

His great-grandfather was a native of Germany and came to America in time to serve in the Revolutionary war. In the archives at Washington is a record of his honorable discharge. His wife, the great-grandmother, lived to be ninety-three years of age, and passed away December 9, 1844.

The pioneer in Lorain County of this family was John Clifford, the grandfather of L. F. Clifford. John Clifford was born in 1777, while the revolution was still in progress, at Providence, Rhode Island. He



L. F. Clifford.

married Miss Margaret Williamson, and their family of children was as follows: John, Jr., born September 8, 1797, and died December 25, 1857; Daniel, born February 7, 1799, and died January 31, 1886; Luther L., born March 8, 1801, and died March 12, 1864; Hannah, born July 15, 1803, and died April 2, 1857; Theodosia, born May 15, 1805, and died May 31, 1880; George W., born June 18, 1807, and died September 28, 1861; Elijah, born March 13, 1810, and died in July, 1880; Pollie M., born June 6, 1813, and died July 1, 1849; Benjamin F., born January 9, 1816, and died December 21, 1885; Harriet, born March 30, 1819, and died December 5, 1869; Adeline, who was born September 23, 1821, after the family came to Ohio, and died September 2, 1841. The mother of these children was born March 15, 1779, and died May 22, 1845.

It was in 1818 that John Clifford came to Ohio, accompanied by four men, making the journey during the dead of winter and driving a horse and cutter. The other four, who should also be remembered as the first pioneers of Wellington Township, were Ephraim Wilcox, William Welling, Joseph Wilson and Charles Sweet. Having selected a suitable tract of land on the bank of Wellington Creek about half a mile from the present Town of Wellington, John Clifford returned east for his family. Then with wife and ten children he arrived at his new home in March, 1820, and a week later had cut the timber and erected a log house. This first home of the Cliffords in Wellington Township was a place of much historic interest. It served as the first schoolhouse, the first meeting house and the first tavern, and it was the first point that a traveler would reach on coming into the settlement. It was in that humble home that the first sermon was preached by Presiding Elder McMahon, a Methodist, and at that meeting Adam Poe received his license to preach. John Clifford was proverbial for his industry and thrift, and while clearing up a farm he also followed his trade as shoemaker, and for many years supplied his neighbors with all the footwear. When John Clifford died September 17, 1869, he possessed 79 grandchildren, 97 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild—188 in all.

Daniel C. Clifford, father of L. F. Clifford, was born February 7, 1799, at Tyringham, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and was about twenty-one years of age when he came to Wellington Township of Lorain County. There he spent the rest of his life as an active and prosperous farmer. On March 13, 1825, he was married in Lorain County to Sarah P. Hall, who was born in Connecticut in 1802. They became the parents of twelve children, and the four still living are: Christopher, of Medina County; L. F. Clifford; A. J. Clifford, who lives near Toledo; and C. T. Clifford, who lives with his son at Ypsilanti, Michigan. On March 13, 1875, Daniel C. Clifford and wife celebrated their golden wedding. Both survived past their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Daniel Clifford died January 31, 1886, after having lived on one farm for sixty-six years. He was a man of industry and encountered all the difficulties of pioneer existence. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Wellington Township. His widow passed away January 23, 1887. She should also be remembered as one of the remarkable pioneer women, full of energy, with a courage equal to all difficulties of existence in an unsettled country, and always cheerful and happy in every circumstance. She was widely known and loved as "Aunt Sarah."

A son of these honored parents, L. F. Clifford was born in Wellington Township, April 18, 1834. He has a keen recollection of the primitive circumstances and environment of his early boyhood, and for an education he attended one of the subscription schools in his home township. His schooling was confined to a few months each winter. For half a century or more he was one of the active and prosperous farmers of

Wellington Township, and he still carries on his farming and keeps a dairy herd of thoroughbred Jerseys. His farm now comprises seventy acres, and is well improved and a valuable place. Mr. Clifford also served as township trustee twelve years and as town assessor four years. He is a republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1866 Mr. Clifford married Mrs. Alice (Houghton) Drake. She was born in Medina County, a daughter of Edwin Halpin. To their union were born two children: Paul Carlton, born August 18, 1870, was educated in the Wellington High School, and now actively managing his father's farm. He married Elsie Mitchell, and their three children are Pauline, Albert and Merritt. Robert Houghton, born December 28, 1872, is a graduate of the Wellington High School and of the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, and is now a civil engineer at Tiffin, Ohio. He married Ella Warren, but they have no children. The mother of these sons died in 1900.

Frank Fanning Jewett. A scholar and author who has attained national and international recognition, Frank Fanning Jewett has been a resident of Oberlin for thirty-five years, and during the greater part of that time, until recently, held the chair of chemistry and mineralogy in Oberlin College.

The Jewett family in America was founded by Edward Jewett, who came from Lincolnshire, England, in 1638 and settled at Rowley, Massachusetts. His grandson, Eleazar, moved to Griswold, Connecticut, and founded Jewett City. Mr. Jewett's grandfather was Joseph Jewett, who was born in 1762 and died in 1832, having spent all his life in Connecticut as a farmer. Charles Jewett, father of Professor Jewett, was born at Lisbon, Connecticut, in 1807 and died in 1879. He became a practicing physician at Providence, Rhode Island, but finally gave up that profession in order to become one of the early advocates and promoters of the temperance cause and followed it steadily until his death. In the early days he went out to Minnesota, and while living there he took up a claim and also served as a member of the State Legislature. In politics he was a republican. Two of his sons, Charles and Richard H. L., also proved up claims in the Northwest, and both were soldiers in the Civil war. R. H. L. Jewett was badly wounded in one of the battles in which he was engaged. These brothers were identified with the first colored regiment to enter the service of the Union army from Massachusetts. The other brother, John, was killed in Chickamauga. The mother of Professor Jewett was Lucy A. Tracy, who was also born in Lisbon, Connecticut, in 1811, and died at Norwich in that state December 13, 1898. The parents were married in 1830. Both were very active members of the Congregational Church. Of their thirteen children Professor Jewett is the only one now living.

Frank Fanning Jewett was born at Newton Corner, Massachusetts, January 8, 1844. He inherited the best traditions of New England life and it is noteworthy that his maternal grandfather, Fanning Tracy, after graduating as valedictorian of his class at Yale in 1796 spent nearly all his career as a teacher. Professor Jewett acquired his early education in several schools and institutions, and prepared for college at Norwich Academy in Connecticut. He attended Yale University and is now the oldest living member of the class of 1870. He graduated A. B. and in 1873 was awarded the degree A. M. During his freshman year he was a member of the Gamma Nu, later, in his junior year, became a member of Alpha Delta Phi, and received admittance to the honorary scholarship fraternity Phi Beta Kappa at his graduation.

After leaving Yale Professor Jewett spent two years as an instructor

in the Norwich Free Academy. He returned to New Haven to pursue graduate studies in chemistry and mineralogy in the Sheffield Scientific School and for one year was abroad as a student of chemistry in the University of Goettingen. On his return he was invited by Dr. Wolcott Gibbs of Harvard University to become his private assistant. From 1875 to 1880 he was professor of chemistry in the Imperial University at Tokio, remaining there nearly four years. Then in 1880 he accepted the chair of professor of chemistry and mineralogy at Oberlin College.

The credit must be given to Professor Jewett for organizing and establishing on a permanent basis the chemistry department of Oberlin College. He built it right up from the beginning and in recent years there have been few institutions of the country that offered a more complete and thorough course of this science than Oberlin. After serving fifteen consecutive years as professor and the last year as dean of the college, he went abroad for another year of study under Professor Lieberman of Berlin, Germany. He then resumed his work at Oberlin and continued his active professorship until 1912, when he retired on the Carnegie Foundation.

He has been a member of a number of scientific societies. He is a member of the American Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Deutsche Chemische Gesellschaft. He is author of "Tables of Qualitative Chemical Analysis," 1883; "Laboratory Manual of Inorganic Chemistry," 1885.

He has also taken an active part in public affairs at Oberlin. For eight years he was a member of the town council and is now president of the board of trustees of public affairs, and has served as president of the Oberlin waterworks and as a member of the board of health. He and his wife are both active in the Second Congregational Church and also in Sunday school affairs. Professor Jewett was at one time clerk and has been a deacon in the church for a number of years. He has served as trustee and treasurer of the Oberlin Missionary Home Association.

At Tokio, Japan, on July 30, 1880, Professor Jewett married Frances Gulick, who was also teaching in Japan at that time. The only child of their marriage, Charles, died in infancy.

Mrs. Frances Gulick Jewett is one of the distinguished women of Ohio. She was born at Ponape, Micronesian Islands, October 13, 1854, a daughter of Luther Halsey (M. D., D. D.) and Louise (Lewis) Gulick. Her father was a distinguished physician and was for several years agent for the American Bible Society in Japan and China. Mrs. Jewett is a sister of Luther Halsey and Sidney Lewis Gulick, the former distinguished as a physician, educator and author, and the latter as a missionary whose work has identified him largely with Japan. Mrs. Jewett was educated in the seminary at Painesville, Ohio, and by private tutors and with a special course at Berlin in 1894-96. She is a member of the Ohio Woman's Press Club. In literary circles she is known as the author of the following works: "Luther Halsey Gulick, Missionary," 1895; author of five books of the Gulick hygiene series: "Good Health," 1906; "Town and City," 1906; "The Body at Work," 1908; "Control of Body and Mind," 1908; "The Body and Its Defenses," 1909; "The Next Generation," 1914.

Jesse E. Ford, a resident of Lorain County since 1908, owns a farm of seventy-five acres in Russia Township, and has devoted his time to general agriculture and dairy farming.

A native of New York, and a representative in both the maternal and paternal lines of families that came to America in the colonial period,

he was born in Chautauqua County December 7, 1874, a son of John H. and Helen U. (Brightman) Ford. His father was born in Chautauqua County in 1833, and his mother at Brookfield in Madison County, New York, October 4, 1838. The paternal ancestry in America goes back to Joseph Ford, who came from England in colonial days. From him the line descends through Nathanial, Amos, Nathaniel to Stephen Ford, the father of John H. Ford. Stephen Ford was one of the early settlers of Chautauqua County, New York. John H. Ford during his active career was a farmer in New York State, and had his home in Chautauqua County until 1916, since which time he has lived with his son, Jesse E. Ford, in Lorain County. He is an active supporter of prohibition, is a member of the Grange, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife, who died May 24, 1901, in Chautauqua County, was also a member. January 29, 1856, occurred the wedding of John H. Ford and Helen U. Brightman. She was a daughter of Joseph Brightman, who was born in Madison County, New York, and afterwards became a farmer in Chautauqua County. Members of the Brightman family were soldiers in the War of the Revolution. John H. Ford and wife had three children. The two older are: Arthur, a farmer in North Dakota; and George, a fruit grower near Tacoma, Washington.

Jesse E. Ford spent his early life on the old homestead in New York State, attended the district schools and also the high school at Mayville, the county seat of Chautauqua County. After reaching his majority he bought a farm in Chautauqua County and remained there for a number of years. Selling out he came to Lorain County March 17, 1908, and at that time bought his present farm. He has introduced a number of improvements, and has a substantial residence and other farm buildings. Most of his time is taken up with dairy business, and his dairy products are sold in the City of Cleveland. His farm is situated half a mile south of Oberlin.

Mr. Ford joined the progressive party in the national campaign of 1912 and is thoroughly in accord with the principles of its platform. He is a member of the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, while he and his wife are members of the Second Congregational Church of Oberlin.

On April 18, 1900, he married Clara Abigail Hewes, a daughter of Jared and Lorilla (Weir) Hewes of Chautauqua County, New York, where her father was born in 1848, and where he still resides. Her mother, who was born in Washington County, New York, in 1846, died in April, 1915. Jared Hewes is a public spirited farmer and secretary of the Chautauqua County Patrons Fire Relief Association. His father, Daniel Hawks Hewes, was born at Richfield Springs, Otsego County, New York, November 15, 1819, and died February 12, 1915. Robert Hewes, father of Daniel, was a native of New York State, and a son of George Robert Twelves Hewes, who was a soldier throughout the Revolution and was a member of the Boston Tea Party and at his death the last survivor. He was one hundred nine years of age when he died, and on his hundredth birthday the women of the City of Boston tendered him a reception to honor him for his service to his country. Another ancestor of Mrs. Ford was Mehitable Wing, wife of William Prendergast and daughter of Jedediah, who was the fourth great-grandfather of both Mr. and Mrs. Ford. William Prendergast was a colonist who led an uprising to oppose the impositions of unjust taxation levied by the English government, and when the Colonists were defeated by the King's soldiers, was sentenced by King George to be hanged, but escaped the penalty owing to the bravery of his wife. Their son, Mathew, was one of the first white children born in Chautauqua County, New York.

Perry L. Williams.

Lillius Prendergast, daughter of Mathew, became the wife of Jared Irwin, a pioneer of Chautauqua County, and their daughter, Abigail, became the wife of Daniel Hawks Hewes. Hiram Weir, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Ford, was born and reared in Washington County, New York, but in 1865 moved to Chautauqua County. Mrs. Ford was born and reared in Chautauqua County, attended the public schools, including the Mayville High School, and afterwards took a course in Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have two children: Helen Lorilla, born June 15, 1902, and now a student in the public schools of Oberlin, and Jared Hewes, born June 14, 1911.

Perry S. Williams. Of the editors and newspaper publishers who now control the destinies of the Lorain County press the name of Perry S. Williams has longer been prominent than any other, Mr. Williams having since 1896 been identified with the publications of The Republican Printing Company. These now include The Elyria Republican, the oldest journal of the county, and The Evening Telegram, the most widely read daily publication between Cleveland and Toledo. During Mr. Williams' administration the company has also taken over The Lorain County Reporter, daily and weekly, and The Elyria Democrat, weekly, merging them with the publications of his company, of which he has been the general manager and editorial head since 1900.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, and a son of R. H. and Lucy (Stearns) Williams, Perry Williams has spent most of his life in Elyria. His father was of Welsh descent and his mother belonged to the Stearns family, originally represented in Vermont, and also identified with the pioneer settlement of Lorain and Cuyahoga counties, Ohio.

Since graduating from the Elyria High School with the class of 1895, Mr. Williams has been almost continuously identified with newspaper work in some form or other. In 1900 he became editor and manager of the Elyria Republican which was founded in 1829 and is now one of the oldest papers in the Western Reserve. A few years later Mr. Williams became the instrument in effecting one of the most important consolidations in the history of the Lorain County press. In March, 1907, the Elyria Reporter, the principal competitor of the Republican, went into the hands of a receiver. Mr. Williams, acting for his company, bought the property at the receiver's sale, and combined the Weekly Reporter with the Republican, continuing the daily issue under the new name of the Evening Telegram. In 1916 the subscription list and good will of the Elyria Democrat were also taken over by Mr. Williams and merged with his above mentioned publications. The company also operates the largest commercial printing business in the county.

For many years Mr. Williams has identified himself with the important affairs of Lorain County particularly politically, but always as a side line incident to his publishing enterprises. He has never sought or accepted any office or commission which would take his whole time and attention to the exclusion of his newspaper work. His political activities began in 1900 when he was president of the First Voters Club of Elyria at that time the only active republican club in the city. Later he became secretary of the Republican County Executive Committee, serving two terms. He was elected city treasurer in May, 1902, and twice re-elected, serving for seven years in all, and holding that office until January 1, 1910, at which date President Taft commissioned him as supervisor of census for the Thirteenth Ohio District, comprising seven counties.

In 1912 he was a representative of the Fourteenth Ohio District at the National Progressive Convention in Chicago which nominated

Theodore Roosevelt for president. From August, 1913, to August, 1915, he was Lorain County License Commissioner, acting as chairman of the board for the troublous first year of its operations when it put seventy Lorain County saloons out of business to meet the requirements of the new Ohio law.

In 1914 Williams was chosen chairman of the Lorain County Progressive Executive and Central Committees and in 1916 was again named a representative to the National Progressive Convention at Chicago.

Mr. Williams is affiliated with King Solomon's Lodge No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, with Elyria Lodge No. 465, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Elyria Lodge Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons of Veterans, Young Men's Christian Association, Elyria Chamber of Commerce, Elyria Country Club, and other local organizations.

M. G. Brown represents a very old family in Ohio, one which has been identified with this state for upwards of a century. Mr. Brown's home has been on a fine farm in Henrietta Township for the past twenty years, and he is well known in Lorain County.

He was born in Freedom, Portage County, Ohio, October 19, 1842, a son of D. A. and Minerva (Sherman) Brown. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Brown, was born in Massachusetts and came to Portage County, Ohio, in 1820, and spent the rest of his days there. The maternal grandfather was Pardon Sherman, a native of Connecticut and was also a pioneer farmer in Portage County. D. A. Brown was born in Massachusetts in 1812, came to Ohio at the age of eight, finished his education in this state and after many years spent in practical farming moved with his wife to Oberlin, where he died in 1886. His wife was born in Connecticut in 1815 and she also died at Oberlin in 1887. They were married in Portage County. She was a member of the Baptist Church, while D. A. Brown, though a member of no denomination was a good moral Christian, a worthy citizen, was affiliated with the whigs and afterwards with the republicans, and for a number of years served as justice of the peace. He was also a Knight Templar Mason. Of six children the two now living are M. G. Brown and D. R. Brown. The latter resides in Portage County and has been quite successful in conducting a plant for the manufacture of horseradish.

M. G. Brown was brought to Lorain County at the age of four years by his parents and grew up and received his education in Camden Township. He lived there until he was thirty years of age, then spent fifteen years in Huron County, and in 1896 returned to Henrietta Township.

In 1864 Mr. Brown married Addie Kingsberry, a native of Lorain County. She died in 1875, and her one son, Fred Brown, is now in the ice business at Newark, New Jersey. In 1882 Mr. Brown married Hannah Cook, daughter of C. M. Cook, who was an early settler in Henrietta Township and after clearing up a farm from the wilderness spent the rest of his life there.

M. G. Brown is a member of the Masonic Order at Wakeman in Huron County, and in politics is a democrat. For a number of years he has devoted his time and attention to the improvement and cultivation of his eighty-five-acre farm in Henrietta Township, and he also owns another place of fifty acres.

Rev. Joseph G. Sheffield, who has devoted all the strength and resources of his life to the service of the Catholic Church, is pastor of St. Joseph's at Amherst. His work as a priest has been characterized not only by spiritual leadership but also by constructive ability of a

high order, and every parish with which he has been identified has been left the better and stronger for his effort.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 8, 1872, a son of John Bernard and Christine (King) Sheffield. His grandfather, John Sheffield, was born in Alsace Lorain, and on coming to the United States settled in Baltimore. He was the father of six sons and three daughters, and one of these sons, John T. Sheffield, was for a number of years a beloved priest of the Catholic Church in Elyria. The maternal grandfather was August King, also a native of Alsace Lorain, who on coming to America settled in Baltimore. Father Sheffield's parents were both natives of Baltimore. His father was born in 1839 and died in 1885 and his mother, who was born in 1835 is still living at the venerable age of eighty-one. They were married in Baltimore and had three children of their own besides two adopted: John T. for the past three years has been pastor of St. Michael's Church at Cleveland, the largest church in that city, and was graduated in 1880 from Canisius College at Buffalo; the second in age is Father Joseph G.; Albert J. is now assistant superintendent of the Consolidated Electric Railway at Cleveland; Charles J., an adopted son, is transient manager of a lyceum bureau; and Sarah, now deceased. The father of these children was a very prominent architect and builder. Immediately after the Civil war, in which he served with a creditable record, he located in Cleveland and followed his profession there for many years. The most substantial buildings of the early days still standing were erected by him. He was a very active republican in politics. During the war he enlisted at Baltimore in the Fifty-sixth Maryland Volunteers and was in service throughout, participating in the battles of Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge and many others marking the progress of the Union armies through Eastern Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas. He was twice captured but made his escape both times, once from Knoxville.

Father Sheffield as a boy attended the St. Ignatius Jesuit College in Cleveland and went abroad for his university course in the Royal Imperial University at Innsbrueck, Austria, where he spent six years. He was ordained a priest in 1896 and his first charge as pastor was at Payne, Ohio, where he built a church. The next twelve years were spent in St. Augustus Church at Barberton, Ohio, and while there he erected a church school, a home for the sisters and a priest's house. He was connected with St. Michael's Parish in Cleveland during its period of reconstruction, and on December 16, 1915, was called to St. Joseph's Church in Amherst. Already he has formulated plans for important constructive work, including the erection of a new church building. Father Sheffield presides over a parish of 116 families and is not only popular in his church but is a very broad minded and public spirited citizen. He is a member of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

Wells A. Chamberlain, now living retired at his farm home in Grafton Township at the age of seventy-one, has had a quiet and unpretentious career, but nevertheless one of worthy activity and broad usefulness to his community. He is an honored veteran of the Civil war and has made farming his principal vocation. For nearly half a century he and his wife have lived in Grafton Township, and they have reared a family of children who do them credit and honor.

The Chamberlain home is 2½ miles south of Grafton on Rural Route No. 3, and comprises an estate of fifty-three acres, while Mr. Chamberlain owns another farm of eighty acres in the same township. He was born at Virgil, Cortland County, New York, March 7, 1845, a

son of John and Amy (Perkins) Chamberlain. His father was born on a farm near Burlington, Otsego County, New York, and in the same locality the mother was also a native. They grew to maturity there, were married, and a few years later, in 1850, came to Lorain County, settling in Grafton Township a mile south of where Wells A. Chamberlain now has his home. There the father acquired thirty acres of land, which had been improved to the extent of some clearing of the forest and had a log cabin on it. About a year later the father died there, and his widow was left with ten children, several of whom were grown and married, and she kept the younger children together and did a worthy part by them.

Wells A. Chamberlain grew to manhood on the old home farm, and gained a country school education. He was only sixteen years old when the war broke out and two years later he went to Cleveland and on October 19, 1863, enlisted as a private and was assigned to Company F of the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry. He spent some time drilling in camp at Cleveland and on Johnson's Island, and later was at Camp Dennison. From there his regiment was sent south to Nashville, later to Lexington, Kentucky, and finally went into Eastern Kentucky to cut off General Morgan's raiders at Mount Sterling, and many of the regiment were killed though Mr. Chamberlain came through safe. He was hit by a spent bullet, but it struck a package of hardtack in his pocket, and that saved him from a hip wound. In the same battle he captured the red sash of a Confederate major and he still has that trophy in his possession. From there his command followed Morgan to Lexington and at Cynthiana, Kentucky, took part in a battle in which Morgan's troopers were completely routed. The following is the list of battles in which Mr. Chamberlain participated, together with the locality, date and officers:

Mount Sterling, Kentucky; June 9, 1864; Confederate commander, John Morgan; Federal commanders, Gen. S. G. Burbridge and Lieut. Col. R. H. Bently; Cynthiana, Kentucky; June 12, 1864; Confederate commander, John Morgan; Federal commanders, Gen. S. G. Burbridge and Lieut. Col. R. H. Bently; near Lebanon, Kentucky; July 30, 1864; Confederate commander, Captain Alexander; Federal commander, F. A. Dubois; Cumberland Mountains; September, 1864; Confederate commander, Breckenridge; Federal commanders, Col. R. W. Ratliff, Lieutenant Colonel Bently; Saltville, Virginia, No. 1; October 2, 1864; Confederate commanders, Breckenridge and Early; Federal commanders, Gen. N. C. McLean and Lieutenant Colonel Bently; Moosberg, Tennessee; December, 1864; Confederate commanders, Breckenridge and Outpost; Federal commander, Lieut. Col. R. H. Bently; Kingsport, Tennessee; December, 1864; Confederate commander, Basil Duke; Federal commanders, Gen. Geo. Stoneman and Lieutenant Colonel Bently; Bristol, Tennessee; December, 1864; Confederate commander, Basil Duke; Federal commanders, Gen. Geo. Stoneman and Lieutenant Colonel Bently; Abingdon, Virginia, No. 1; December, 1864; Confederate commander, Vaughan; Federal commanders, Gen. Geo. Stoneman and Lieut. Nelson Holt; Abingdon, Virginia, No. 2; December, 1864; Confederate commander, Vaughan; Federal commanders, Gen. Geo. Stoneman and Lieutenant Colonel Bently; Wilkesville, Virginia; December 16, 1864; Confederate commanders, Vaughan and Duke; Federal commanders, Gen. A. T. Gallen and Maj. J. F. Herrick; Marion, Virginia; December 17 and 18, 1864; Confederate commander, Breckenridge; Federal commanders, General Stoneman and Maj. J. F. Herrick; Saltville, Virginia, No. 2; December 21, 1864; Confederate commander, Breckenridge; Federal commanders, General Stoneman and Lieutenant Colonel Bently; Chick River, Virginia; December 23, 1864; Confederate commander,

Colonel Prentice; Federal commanders, General Burbridge and Major Herrick; Salisbury, North Carolina; April 12, 1865; Confederate commanders, Pemberton and Graham; Federal commanders, General Stoneman and Lieutenant Colonel Bently; Dallas, North Carolina; April, 1865; Confederate commanders, Vann and Duke; Federal commander, Maj. E. C. Modwell; Catawba Bridge, South Carolina; April 18, 1865; Confederate commanders, Vann and Duke; Federal commander, Maj. E. C. Modwell. Mr. Chamberlain's command rode sixty-eight days without drawing a ration from the Government.

After considerable service in the Mississippi Valley the war closed, and on November 21, 1865, he received his honorable discharge and returned to his mother's home. On February 7, 1867, he was married in Grafton Township to Miss Cynthia A. Aldrich. She was born on a farm in Grafton Township, Lorain County, May 21, 1849, a daughter of James L. and Harriet (Clark) Aldrich. She was well educated and before her marriage had taught three terms of school. She was married when only seventeen years of age. The thirty acres of the old home farm fell to Mr. Chamberlain as his inheritance, but after a short time he sold that and bought the eighty acres in Grafton Township which he still owns. For several years he and his wife lived on the farm of the latter's father until 1873, and they then acquired the homestead which they have continuously occupied for more than forty years.

Mr. Chamberlain's father was a democrat but the son soon adopted the principles of the new republican party and cast his first presidential ballot while in the army for Abraham Lincoln. Besides looking after the duties of his farm he has at various times filled posts of responsibility in the local government. He served two terms as trustee and afterwards as assessor for Grafton Township. He was then elected justice of the peace, an office he filled for eight years and it is noteworthy that only one appeal was ever taken from his decisions, and his decision in that case was sustained by the higher court. During its existence he was an active member of the Grand Army Post at LaGrange, and has attended many of the national reunions, being accompanied by his wife. He was reared in the Baptist faith and both he and his wife are active members of the church at LaGrange, in which he is a deacon, while his wife was formerly a teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain have three children, and a brief record of each will conclude this article on one of Lorain's most respected citizens.

The daughter Lucia, who was born in Grafton Township, was given a liberal education, having taken a course in the New York State Normal School at Cortland, where she graduated, and after teaching one year in New York she returned to Lorain County and taught a year in the high school at Elyria. She then married Calvin P. Wilcox, who was at that time night editor of the Cleveland Leader. By this marriage there is one child, Kathryn, who was born in Cleveland and is now a student in the high school of that city. After a few years of happy married life Mr. Wilcox died, and Mrs. Wilcox then resumed her profession as a teacher and is now principal of the Gordon School at Cleveland.

Clark W. Chamberlain, the older son, was born at Litchfield in Medina County, Ohio, where his father was at that time a renting farmer. From the country schools he continued his education in Doane Academy at Granville in Licking County, and then entered Dennison College, where he was graduated, spent three years as a teacher at Hudson, Ohio, and then entered the University of Chicago and afterwards Columbia University at New York, from which institution he has the degree Doctor of Philosophy. As a scholar he has already made his mark in scientific lines, and has invented several instruments of value in

scientific research. He was married in Norwalk, Ohio, to Miss Jessie Husted, of Norwalk, daughter of Daniel Husted. Doctor and Mrs. Chamberlain have four children: John H., Margaret, Stewart and Elizabeth. Doctor Chamberlain is now president of Dennison College, a school in which he was once a student. For five years he was an instructor in Vassar College, and while there he continued his education in Columbia University and was granted his Ph. D. degree.

John A. Chamberlain, the youngest child, was born in Grafton Township of Lorain County, attended the same academy and college as his older brother, and then entered the Western Reserve University. Law School, where he was graduated LL. B. He began the practice of law and is now a member of the well known firm of Stearns, Chamberlain and Rogan at Cleveland. He is also a well known author and contributor to legal literature. He is author of "Principles of Business Law," published in 1908, and of another work on commercial law which was published in 1910 and has been adopted as a text book by the American School of Correspondence at Chicago. He was one of the leading workers in closing the saloons on Sunday and at midnight in Cleveland, Ohio. John Aldrich Chamberlain was married at Cuyahoga Falls to Miss Frances Hind. They have one child, Mary Louise.

F. M. Sponseller, M. D. For the past six years Doctor Sponseller has quietly and efficiently performed his duties as a physician and surgeon in the community of Wellington. There is no profession which presents greater opportunities for usefulness to humanity than that of medicine, and Doctor Sponseller, though young, has already become recognized as one who has accepted every opportunity for faithful performance of duty and through his extended practice has gained an esteem which is not less satisfying than the other material accompaniments of a successful career.

A native of Seneca County, Ohio, where he was born June 4, 1879, Doctor Sponseller is a son of David P. and Eleanor (Moore) Sponseller. His people were of moderate circumstances but of great intrinsic worth, and he inherited from his ancestors some very valuable qualities in his own makeup. His grandfather, Frederick Sponseller, was born in Stark County, Ohio, moved from there to Seneca County, and died on his farm there. Grandfather Moore was a native of Wood County, Ohio, and was killed in a railway accident. David P. Sponseller was born in Bloomville, Ohio, in July, 1850, and died in October, 1914. His wife was born in Wood County, Ohio, in 1853, and is still living. They were married at Bloomville. Of the ten children born to them seven are still living. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the father was a democrat. He followed farming until about a year before his death, when he rented his farm and moved to the little town of Melmore. By hard work he accumulated a small competency, and he and his wife sacrificed much in order to give their children educational advantages.

The third in the family of children, Doctor Sponseller, grew up on the farm in Seneca County, attended the country schools, and in 1903 graduated bachelor of science from Heidelberg College at Tiffin. From there he entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, where he was graduated M. D. in 1907. With a thorough literary and scientific training, Doctor Sponseller entered upon the practice of his profession at Sycamore, Ohio, but after three years moved to Wellington in 1910. Considering the brief time he has lived in that community he has acquired a really remarkable patronage, and has more than his time and strength permit him to attend. He is a member of the Lorain County

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and Ohio State Medical societies and of the Eclectic State Society, and the National Eclectic Medical Association.

On September 11, 1904, Doctor Sponseller married Bertha Wilson of Tiffin, Ohio. Their three children are William H., Marian Maude and Fred M., Jr. The two older children are already in school. Doctor and Mrs. Sponseller are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and take much part in church affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Tribe of Ben Hur, and is medical examiner for both the local lodges. Politically he is a democrat.

Cyrus W. Hawley has spent all his life in Lorain County, received his education in the local schools, and by much hard work and good management has acquired a gratifying success. He bought his present farm from his father, and now owns eighty-two acres. Most of its improvements represent his individual labor and supervision and he is cultivating it to general crops.

He was born in Huntington Township of Lorain County, April 11, 1861, a son of Myron and Emily (Haley) Hawley. Both the Haley and Hawley families were New England people and came to Ohio in early times. Grandfather Hawley first settled in Cleveland when it was a small village and from there moved to Lorain County and afterwards went to Michigan, where he died. Myron Hawley was born July 20, 1824, and died June 20, 1890. His wife was born February 24, 1828, and died November 15, 1881. They were married in Huntington Township of Lorain County. Of their twelve children four are living: Cyrus W.; Charles L., a farmer in Huntington Township; C. C. Hawley, a retired farmer at Sullivan, Ohio; and Lillie, widow of Oliver Sprinkle of Huntington Township. Myron Hawley was a democrat in politics, and filled the offices of township trustee and township assessor. He was a very progressive and prosperous man, and acquired 330 acres of land in Huntington Township, and also operated an extensive dairy.

On August 1, 1901, Cyrus W. Hawley married Hannah Kelsey, a daughter of Elam and Lois (Tillitson) Kelsey. Elam Kelsey was born at Berlin, Connecticut, February 1, 1810, and died in Huntington Township of Lorain County, February 23, 1866. His wife was born at Pittsford, Monroe County, New York, October 2, 1817, and died March 31, 1897. Of their nine children the three now living are: Mrs. Hawley; Astor Kelsey, formerly a lumberman and now living retired at Caladonia, Michigan; and Frank Kelsey, who is employed in the rubber works at Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey were members of the Universalist Church. They were married in Huntington, Lorain County, and Elam Kelsey came to this county with his parents when only two years of age. During part of his youth he worked for wages, and finally bought fifty acres of land, later fifty more acres, and cleared up and developed a good farm in Huntington Township. His father was Zenas Kelsey, who was one of the very first settlers in that township.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley are both members of the Grange, and he is a democrat and has served as township supervisor for a number of years.

Miles S. Bassett. Throughout a period of more than eighty years there has accumulated a great wealth of associations for the Bassett family in Russia Township. More than four score years ago there arose on a small clearing in the midst of the heavy woods in that section a log cabin, 14x16 feet, which was the first home and shelter of the family of Nathan Bassett in Lorain County. That humble dwelling was replaced a year or so later, in 1836, by a frame house, and that stood for a great many years. It was finally relegated to a second place, and the advance-

ment and prosperity of the family were given further material evidence in the large house of more modern type and the splendid group of barns and outbuildings which are still standing in that part of the county. It was in the second homestead that Miles S. Bassett was born, and for a great many years he has been an active factor in the farming and dairying enterprise of the township, and is one of the best known citizens of Oberlin.

Nathan Bassett, grandfather of Miles S., was born August 12, 1763, at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and was descended from some of the first settlers of the Massachusetts colony. On April 4, 1793, Nathan Bassett married Sarah Standish, who was also born at Bridgewater, December 10, 1775. She was a lineal descendant, being in the sixth generation, from the noted Miles Standish, who landed at Plymouth Rock from the Mayflower in 1620.

Nathan Bassett has been described as a man of extraordinary vitality and of wide and varied experience. Toward the close of the Revolutionary war, which had begun when he was about twelve years of age, he volunteered in a regiment which went to Rhode Island to assist in repelling a threatened British invasion. He also spent seven years in the early merchant marine, in the service of the West India Company. During the War of 1812 he was an American soldier stationed at Buffalo, New York, and was wounded in one engagement. About 1812 he moved to Chili in Monroe County, New York. He showed his indomitable will and courage by his final removal and migration, when past seventy years of age, into the still wilderness of Lorain County, where he arrived in 1834. In Russia Township he located on the farm subsequently occupied by his son Charles and began the heavy task of improvement. He bought sixty-seven acres of land, and in that community spent the rest of his days. He and his wife had traveled the journey of life together for sixty years. Nathan Bassett died in 1853 and his wife in 1854. He was ninety when death came to him and it is said that until the last few months he had been almost as active as many men of sixty. In politics he was an old line whig. He died about the beginning of the new movement which culminated in the republican party. After coming to Lorain County he filled several township offices, particularly that of school examiner. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, named Thomas, Phoebe, Sarah, Naomi, Betsey, Freelove, Amanda, Emily and Charles.

Charles Bassett, who was for many years an active, vigorous factor in Russia Township, was born at Chili, Monroe County, New York, March 10, 1820, and was the youngest in the family. He was fourteen years of age when the parents came to Lorain County, and he finished his education in some of the primitive schools then taught in this section of Ohio. He followed in the footsteps of his father as a farmer, and made that a very profitable vocation. Beginning with the original sixty-seven acres bought by his father in 1834, he developed his interests until he owned several hundred acres of well improved land in Russia Township. He was very practical and industrious, and was always relied upon as one of Lorain County's most trustworthy citizens. For a number of terms he filled the office of township trustee, also justice of the peace, and beginning with early manhood he filled the office of school director for thirty years or more.

On September 7, 1846, Charles Bassett married Emma Parsons, who was born in England July 28, 1819, a daughter of John and Ann (Yetman) Parsons. The Parsons family has likewise been prominent in Lorain County, and John Parsons and wife brought their children to America in 1832. After a short stay at Mentor in Lake County, Ohio,

he came to Russia Township, the permanent settlement being made there in 1833. Charles and Emma Bassett became the parents of five children: Emma, born April 26, 1847, and who married Frederick E. Griffin of Amherst; Charles Henry, born April 26, 1850; Miles Standish, born December 1, 1851; Helen, born January 20, 1857; and Harvey Lewis, born July 3, 1859. Charles Bassett died September 29, 1912, at the age of ninety-two years, his wife having preceded him by eleven years.

Miles Standish Bassett was born on the old homestead in Russia Township, December 1, 1851. He acquired his early education in the country schools and learned farming from his father and has followed that vocation without interruption to the present time.

On April 21, 1881, he married Lois Orlissa Eggelston. She was born at Auburn, Geauga County, Ohio, a daughter of Alanson and Harriet (Bentley) Eggelston. Her parents were both natives of New York State and came to Ohio in early days, settling on a farm, where they lived a number of years. They afterwards moved to Hiram Rapids in Portage County, where Alanson Eggelston engaged in the grocery business. Mrs. Bassett was the youngest of five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Bassett have two daughters: Marian Jessie, who graduated from the Oberlin High School in 1902, spent two years in the Conservatory of Music; and Cora Eloise, who is now a student of voice at Oberlin.

Mr. Bassett and family are members of the Congregational Church at Amherst. He is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and also with the local Grange. As a republican, like his father and grandfather before him, he has filled various offices, having served as township trustee four years and as school director. It was in 1878 that he bought the farm upon which he still lives. He owns 116 acres and while operating the land for general farming purposes, he conducts an extensive dairy, keeping from twenty to twenty-five milch cows. About 1890 he erected his beautiful home, a two-story house with all the comforts and conveniences, and surrounded by excellent barns and other buildings.

Edgar Day Mills. In the Village of North Eaton a man of enterprise in a commercial sense is Edgar Day Mills, proprietor of a general mercantile store, which has been conducted by the Mills family in that locality for the past thirty-five years. This store more than any other one thing has given distinction to that point in Lorain County as a place of trade.

It was in the little Village of North Eaton that Edgar Day Mills was born, February 16, 1882, a son of Byron T. and Mary A. (Day) Mills. His father, who was the founder of the present business, was born on Butternut Ridge in Eaton Township, grew up on a farm, had a common school education, and for a number of years conducted farming. In 1881 he opened a stock of general merchandise on the south side of the street at North Eaton, but later put up the building where his son is now located. He was a well liked and popular business man, and though a republican, never sought office. He died June 22, 1915. He was the father of three children: Charles, a farmer in Columbia Township; Edgar D.; and Frank, who is now a resident of Cleveland and is married and has one child.

Edgar Day Mills acquired a common school education and practically grew up in the business of which he is now proprietor. When quite a boy he began clerking there and is thoroughly familiar with the routine of merchandising.

In June, 1902, in Eaton Township, he married Miss Catherine Tiltjies, who was born in Olmsted, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, a daughter of John

Tiltjies. The year he was married Mr. Mills moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he spent about twelve years. In that time he learned and followed the machinist's trade. Then in 1912 he returned to North Eaton and bought out his father's business and has since made that a source of satisfying prosperity.

He and his wife have three children: Calista, who was born in Pittsburgh; Russell, born in North Eaton; and Thelma, born at North Eaton, January 20, 1916. Mr. Mills is a republican, and he and his wife are active members of the Disciples Church.

Simeon Nash has for a number of years been recognized as one of the men who has supplied the requisite energy and enterprise to the agricultural life of Lorain County. At one time he was only a renter and started life with little capital, though he had inherited from his ancestors sterling characteristics which stood him in good stead in all the problems of existence. He has succeeded above the ordinary, has a splendid estate in the vicinity of Oberlin, and is a highly esteemed citizen.

He was born in Lorain County, September 21, 1870. His grandfather, Jerrid Nash, died in New York State, where he was a farmer. The maternal grandparents were Orin and Anna Elizabeth (Freeman) Gibson. Orin Gibson was one of the prominent early settlers of Lorain County. He was born in New York State in 1807 and died in May, 1883. Coming to Lorain County in an early day, he made settlement here four years after his father, Timothy Gibson, had located. Both these names are deserving of much honor and respect on account of their important relations with the early agricultural activities and development in this county. Orin Gibson died at the age of eighty-five.

The parents of Simeon Nash were Nathan B. and Louisa (Gibson) Nash. His father was born in New York State, September 7, 1830, and died December 26, 1910. He was four years of age when brought to Lorain County by his mother, who acquired a farm, and he grew up and received his education in Russia Township and in Oberlin graded schools. As soon as old enough he started farming on his own account and though he too had to begin with practically nothing he succeeded very admirably and left a good estate. In politics he was first a whig and afterwards a republican. Nathan Nash was married January 3, 1860, to Miss Gibson, who was born in Russia Township of Lorain County, March 28, 1837. She is still living, now in her eightieth year. Of the seven children born to them six are still living. Winfield S., a farmer in Eaton Township of Lorain County; Anna A. Bemis, wife of an Eaton Township farmer; Orin T., who died at the age of seven years; Elizabeth B., who lives with her mother; Simeon; Charles B., a farmer in Eaton Township; and Walter, who resides at the old homestead with his mother.

Simeon Nash spent his early life in Russia Township, attended school there, and was still young when he assumed some of the heavier responsibilities of his father's farm. He continued to live with his parents until twenty-four and for the next six or seven years operated as a renter. His thrift and industry enabled him to make his first purchase of fifty acres, and from that he has steadily climbed upwards to a larger prosperity until he is now the owner of 310 acres. While classed as a general farmer, he makes cattle raising his principal source of profit, and he keeps a herd of about seventy head, many of them registered Herefords. He also does some dairy business.

On March 19, 1895, he married Miss Augusta L. Schramm, daughter of Daniel Schramm, who was a well known early settler in Russia Township. Mr. and Mrs. Nash have one son, Chester, born March 2, 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash are active members of the Grange and in politics he is a republican.

ED H. BRAUN. If success consists of making the best of one's opportunities in life, Ed H. Braun is properly considered among Lorain County's successful men. He has a fine farm in the vicinity of Kipton, has a good home and a growing family, and is regarded as one of the leaders in his industry and also in the county Grange movement.

A native of Lorain County, he was born in Henrietta Township May 11, 1883, a son of Henry and Christina (Dute) Braun. Both parents were natives of Germany, and the paternal grandparents came to the United States and died in Lorain County. Henry Braun was born in Germany in March, 1845, and his wife in 1842. They were married in Lorain County in 1866. Henry Braun came to the United States in 1861, being a poor boy at the time, and has acquired success by hard work and persistent application. He had learned something of the stonecutter's trade, and his first employment here was in a quarry at Amherst. Later he bought a farm in Amherst Township and lived there fourteen years and then moved to Henrietta, living there thirty-four years. His prosperity now includes the ownership of 145 acres of land and it is sufficient for all the needs of his declining years. He is a democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of St. Peter's Church. To their marriage were born seven children, and the five now living are: Anna, wife of Louis Kothe, a Lorain County farmer; Martha, wife of Andrew Shubert, a farmer in Lorain County; Rosa, wife of Henry Manns of Russia Township; Ed H.; and Will M., of Henrietta Township.

Ed H. Braun grew up on the farm in Henrietta Township, attended school until completing the eighth grade, and was still a boy when he started his vocation as a farmer. He gradually accumulated a little capital by thrift and industry, and in 1909 was enabled to purchase his present farm of 100 acres. In the last seven years he has effected many improvements, has remodeled the building, and has a substantial brick house and all the necessary outbuildings.

In 1909 Mr. Braun married Hattie Sedelke, a daughter of Frank Sedelke, a prosperous farmer of Russia Township. Mr. and Mrs. Braun have two children: Grace Edna, born January 10, 1912; and Earl William, born August 15, 1915.

The family are members of St. Peter's Church and in politics Mr. Braun is a democrat. He is still giving all his energy and time to his work as general farmer, and besides the staple crops he grazes a number of high grade cattle and milks some cows. He is one of the leading men in the Grange organization of his part of Lorain County.

HON. SEWARD HENRY WILLIAMS. In none of the professions is the importance of comprehensive training more evident than in the domain of the law. A university education is a vital necessity if the devotee is ambitious to reach a plane beyond the practice of the small courts and the mediocre level of pettifogging. Prior to entering upon the practice of his chosen calling, Hon. Seward Henry Williams, of Lorain, prepared himself with patience and thoroughness, with the result that he was able to immediately take his place among the leaders of the bar, and since his entrance into professional life has not only gained a position of standing among the legists of Ohio, but has become a public figure of national reputation, being a representative from Ohio in the Sixty-fourth United States Congress.

Congressman Williams was born at Amsterdam, New York, November 7, 1870, and is a son of John J. and Maria Louise (Montonye) Williams. His father, a weaver by trade, enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and

Fifteenth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and was captured by the forces of "Stonewall" Jackson, at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. On May 7, 1865, at Chesterfield Heights, Virginia, he was wounded, this being one of the many battles of the Wilderness, but recovered and finally received his honorable discharge at the close of hostilities.

After attending the public schools of his native place, Seward H. Williams enrolled as a student at Amsterdam Academy, and when his course there was completed entered Williams College. This was followed by attendance at Princeton College, where he took the law preparatory course, the head of the law preparatory department of the institution at that time being Woodrow Wilson, now President of the United States. His regular law course was pursued at Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1895, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and immediately came to Lorain, where he entered active practice. He has since continued in the enjoyment of a constantly-increasing business, which includes all branches of the profession. Mr. Williams served four years as city solicitor of Lorain, as well as a member of the Lorain Board of Education, and was then sent to the Seventy-ninth Ohio Legislature, succeeding himself in the eightieth session of that body. While thus serving he was a member of the committee on Judiciary during both sessions, and took part in much active legislation, being the father of the so-called "gun-toting" bill, which made the carrying of concealed weapons a penitentiary offense. The quality of his public service brought him most favorably before the public and in 1914 he was made the candidate of the republican party for election of the national House of Representatives, from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Ohio. Elected in November, 1914, he took his seat in that body in 1915, and has worked most faithfully in the interests of his constituents. He was appointed to membership on the following committees: Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress and Railways and Canals. The congressman is connected fraternally with the Masons, in which he has attained to the thirty-second degree; the Knights of Pythias; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is first dictator, and also holds membership in the Sons of Veterans. With his family, he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On September 29, 1897, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Jeannette Reynolds, of Lorain, daughter of John T. Reynolds. To this union there have been born a son and a daughter: Seward Reynolds and Margaret Louise.

James H. Shelley. One of the most prominent millers in Ohio was the late James H. Shelley of Wellington, where for many years he owned and operated a mill, though the milling interests at present are in Shelby, Ohio.

He was born in Union County, Ohio, July 12, 1860, a son of John and Helen (Manion) Shelley. Both parents were natives of Ireland, where the father was born in 1822 and the mother in 1829, and the former died in 1887 and the latter in 1874. After their marriage the parents came to America and in 1861 settled in Union County, Ohio. John Shelley was also a miller, and finally moved out to the State of Washington, where he died. He was a member of the Catholic Church and was a republican voter until the election of R. B. Hayes, after which he was a stanch democrat. Of the four children, the oldest was John, who was born in Ireland and who died in 1904; James, of this review; Mrs. Helen Ramer, a widow, lives at Elyria; Mary is the wife of John Fern, a railway man living at Elyria.

James H. Shelley acquired his early education in the public schools of Amherst, Ohio, and when only a boy gained his practical experience in milling and has made it his lifelong pursuit. For seventeen years he worked in a mill in New York City, and it was by careful economy and by learning the business in all its details that he was able to buy his first mill at Wellington, to which point he came in 1897. Here he owned and operated a mill with a capacity of 150 barrels until 1914, when he sold out. He then bought a 200-barrel flour mill at Shelby, Ohio, the noted Heath Mill, and with the assistance of some others of the family made this one of the best known mills for its products in Ohio. The flour manufactured at Shelby is shipped to all parts of the state.

In 1880 Mr. Shelley married Jane McKernan, who was born at Sandusky, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas McKernan, who was a native of Ireland and spent many years following the trade of plasterer in Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Shelley have four children. Nellie is the wife of G. A. Gott, a farmer in Wellington Township. Anna is the wife of F. W. Evans, who is associated in the flour milling business at Shelby with Mr. Shelley. Jennie, wife of Henry Brandt, who is also interested in the Shelby Mill. Olive is a reader and vocalist and makes her home in Wellington. The family are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Shelley was a democrat, and at Wellington has served as a member of the town council and on the water board. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Elks of Elyria, Royal Arch Masons and also with the Knights of Pythias and Knights of the Maccabees. Though he started out a poor boy, he made a success of his career, and besides his various business interests he enjoyed the comforts of a fine brick home in Wellington. Mr. Shelley died May 22, 1916, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Sandusky, Ohio.

Leon H. Wadsworth. For more than eighty years the Wadsworth family has had its seat in Lorain County and members of three successive generations have wrought their influence and ability into the life and affairs of several communities. The late David L. Wadsworth is well remembered throughout the county for his prominence in local affairs and also in state politics. Leon H. Wadsworth has for many years been in business at Wellington and more recently at Elyria. He has also recently closed a successful administration of the postoffice at Wellington.

The late David L. Wadsworth was his father. David L. was born at Becket, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, June 1, 1825, the youngest and seventh son of Lawton and Nancy R. Wadsworth. When David L. Wadsworth was eight years of age he accompanied the family on its emigration to the wilderness of Lorain County. A team of horses drew their wagon by the overland route, and on the 9th of May, twenty-four days after starting, they had completed their 600-mile journey to Wellington, Ohio. As a young boy, David thenceforward spent his youth in a typical frontier community. However, he acquired a good common school education, and for several terms attended Oberlin College. He was a man of versatile intellect, of great energy, and did well whatever he undertook. For seven years he taught in district schools. In 1840 he began the study of medicine, but that profession was not to his liking and he gave it up. In 1868 he turned his attention from other matters to the lumber business, purchasing a planing mill, and then became an extensive dealer and manufacturer of lumber, shingles, lath and other materials. He also added a cheese and butter box factory. Later he established a lumber yard and planing mill at Greenwich, Ohio.

Successful in business, David L. Wadsworth was equally well known in politics. He was a loyal democrat, but during the war was what was known as a war democrat, and no citizen of any party surpassed him in

loyalty and devotion to the Union. He called the first meeting at Wellington for raising volunteer troops. He lived in a republican district, and yet again and again he was paid political honor. April 1, 1878, Governor Bishop appointed him a trustee of the Cleveland Insane Asylum. Governor Hoadley appointed him a trustee of the Blind Asylum, and he served during that administration and also under Governor Foraker. In 1875 he was nominated by his party for the office of state treasurer, and was defeated by just two votes. He was also nominated for Congress, and succeeded in reducing the republican majority by more than 400. While not a church member, he was a thorough Christian and worked for the extension of church and moral influences of every kind. He also attained thirty-two degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry. David L. Wadsworth died at his home in Wellington, October 7, 1892, his death resulting from heart failure. Funeral services were preached by the pastor of the Congregational Church, and were also under the auspices of the Knight Templar Oriental Commandery at Cleveland, to which he had belonged for twenty years.

On October 22, 1850, David L. Wadsworth married Rosenia C. Wadsworth of Rochester, Lorain County, a daughter of Hiram and Caroline L. (Wells) Wadsworth. Mrs. Wadsworth was born in Bristol, New York, and came with her parents to Lorain County in 1832. She became the mother of three children: Kitty May, who was born May 20, 1856, and died April 6, 1858; George M., born September 25, 1861; and Leon H.

Leon H. Wadsworth, who for more than thirty-five years has been furnishing enterprise and enthusiasm to the business and public life of his section of Lorain County, was born at Rochester, Ohio, October 13, 1864. Reared in Wellington, he attended primary schools there, later became a student in the University of Michigan, and was graduated in law in 1882. However he did not take up the law as his regular profession and instead became associated with his father in the lumber business at Wellington. In 1885 he removed to Greenwich and established a lumber yard and planing mill and was active as a contractor and builder. At the death of his father in 1892 he returned to Wellington and managed the estate for one year. He then bought the lumber plant at Wellington and continued this line actively until 1907. He then established himself in the undertaking business at Wellington, and on April 15, 1913, extended his enterprise to Elyria where he now has headquarters and a complete equipment including automobile service.

Everything connected with the public welfare of his home town has always made a strong appeal to Mr. Wadsworth, and he has worked conscientiously to better and improve his home community. In 1903 he was appointed postmaster at Wellington and served continuously until March 1, 1916, when he was succeeded by the present incumbent of the office.

On October 14, 1885, Mr. Wadsworth married Mary E. Trinter, only daughter of Capt. William and Sophia Trinter of Vermillion, Ohio. Mrs. Wadsworth died February 4, 1914. There is one son, Luther W., who took a course of embalming at Boston, graduating from the Dodge School in 1907, and has since supplied the professional and technical skill to the undertaking business conducted by him and his father. The son also served as assistant postmaster under his father and still continues under the present incumbent. Mr. Wadsworth is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason.

Milo Cornelius Kendeigh, widely known in Lorain County as a stock man and public spirited citizen, represents a family that became identified with this portion of the wilderness of Northern Ohio more than ninety years ago, and its various members have contributed their labors

and the influence of their characters to the upbuilding of this country. By his enterprise combined with a long experience Mr. Kendeigh was successful in making the Kendeigh stock farm for many years a notable center for the raising of high grade horses and other stock. He is now practically retired from business, and owns only seventy-three acres of land. He is also president of the Lorain County Board of Education.

He is of German origin, and in the earlier generations back in Pennsylvania his family name was spelled Kentisch and Kintich. The Kendeigh family was established in Lorain County in the spring of 1824, when his grandparents, John and Nancy Kendeigh, moved to North Amherst. They were among the early settlers there, and finding the country a wilderness they left the impress of their activities in a well improved farm.

Samuel Kendeigh, father of Milo C., was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1823. As a young man he learned the trade of mechanic and carpenter, and was reared and educated in Lorain County. After his marriage he spent seven years in clearing and improving his farm in Henrietta Township, but then gave up farming for milling, conducting his mill at North Amherst eighteen months. The mill was then exchanged for a farm in Elyria Township on what is now Lake Avenue. A year and a half later, having sold that property, he returned to North Amherst, and bought the old Peter Rice farm, which later became the property of the Cleveland Stone Company. After living there some years Samuel Kendeigh removed to the farm which his son Milo subsequently developed as the Kendeigh Stock Farm, a place of 120 acres in Amherst Township. He also owned more than 100 acres in Russia Township. Samuel Kendeigh was one of the highly honored citizens of Lorain County, and his death on February 15, 1905, concluded a life which for eighty years had been identified with this county. The maiden name of his wife was Jane Strickler, who was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and who died December 24, 1900. There were six children in the family: Esther A., who died at South Amherst, the wife of Bruce Gibson; Charles D.; Milo C.; Jennie L., who married Rev. Marston S. Freeman, a Congregational minister; Lottie, who married H. G. Wilford; and Lula, a twin of her sister Lottie.

Born in Henrietta Township October 1, 1859, Milo Cornelius Kendeigh has utilized to the full the advantages and experiences that have come to him with increasing years. His home has always been in Lorain County except for a portion of the year 1883 when he was on a grain ranch at Fort Collins, Colorado. His education came from the common schools, a preparatory course at Oberlin College and a course in the Spencerian Business College at Cleveland. For a number of years he managed his father's farm, and inherited sixty-two acres from his mother, subsequently buying the interests of the other heirs to the home estate. With that as a nucleus he developed a splendid farm in Amherst Township, comprising 101 acres, and also owned other lands in Russia Township. In later years he has reduced his holdings preparatory to retirement from business. His chief success came from the raising and handling of high grade stock. He did his first work in that line soon after returning from Colorado, buying a stallion and two mares of Percheron stock. While in business he imported many registered horses, and his stock farm became known to buyers throughout the country.

In his home township he has always exercised his influence for local improvements, and has served as a justice of the peace, twelve years as a member of the school board and two terms as a trustee. His interest in schools has been especially prominent, and led to his election to the present office he holds as president of the Lorain County Board of Education. Politically he is a democrat. Mr. Kendeigh is affiliated with

Stonington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, with Plato Lodge No. 203, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which his father was also a member, and with Hickory Tree Grange at Amherst.

September 25, 1901, he married Clara G. Gillman. She was born at Mineral Ridge in Portage County, Ohio, a daughter of Charles and Mary (King) Gillman. Her father died at Mineral Ridge and her mother spent her last years in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kendeigh. Mr. Kendeigh has two children, Samuel Charles born December 18, 1904, and Vivian Esther born December 31, 1906.

The Thew Automatic Shovel Company. The principal distinction of some cities is that the name at once suggests a product of world wide use manufactured there. A number of instances will occur to anyone as familiar examples of this fact.

To the great world that regards such a city as Lorain as but a point on the map, the works by which the city is best known are undoubtedly the products of The Thew Automatic Shovel Company. In many widely sundered localities hundreds of thousands of people have seen and admired the excavating machinery of this type, and consciously or unconsciously have taken note of the name Thew linked with that of Lorain. In the work of mining in the gold fields of the far North the Thew Automatic Shovel is a favorite machine. In railroad construction, in street grading, in brickyards, coal mines, in almost every form of construct and construction work, the Thew Automatic Shovel reigns supreme. Among the thousands and thousands of men who follow the contracting business in America and different parts of the world, there is hardly one who is not acquainted with the efficiency of the Thew automatic shovel.

It is impossible to speak of this industry, which ranks second among the great concerns that have their home at Lorain, without paying a tribute to Richard Thew, who is vice president and general manager of the company, and whose brains and patient industry originated the first type of the Thew automatic shovel. His work of course was only the nucleus of the present mammoth concern. The company for years has employed expert engineers and skilled mechanics in the various departments, and this staff of experts also deserve credit, since it has been largely due to the co-operation of the heads of the various departments for the one and sole purpose of producing a machine of distinctive merit that The Thew Automatic Shovel Company represents what it does today. Mr. Thew, like most men of that class, began his industry many years ago at Lorain with very little capital, and has earned a high place both as an inventor and as an organizer.

It was in 1899 that The Thew Automatic Shovel Company was organized and started manufacturing operations on its present site at the western edge of the steel plant district in the City of Lorain. The product of the plant was then as it is now a steam shovel. The factory of that day covered about 15,000 square feet. In less than twenty years the home of the Thew shovel has increased in size as rapidly as its products have attained a world-wide distribution. The present plant covers many acres of ground, and is actually one of the cornerstones of Lorain County's industrial prosperity.

As the plant has developed so has its product. Though the original principles are still maintained in every steam shovel that is built, the design has been adapted for many varied purposes, and there is now a Thew shovel for practically every class of excavation. Most of the executive members of The Thew Company are practical engineers, and the results of test, experimentation and practical use have borne new fruit from year to year and the company is constantly striving to reach new standards of perfection.

Through long years of development and service this shovel has demonstrated its merit and adaptability to classes of work for which no ordinary steam shovel can be advantageously employed. The more typical operations in which the Thew shovel is employed are cellar excavation, shallow cutting for street paving, the cutting off of hills for road construction, widening and deepening railroad cuts, for stone quarry service, for the mining of anthracite coal by the stripping process, digging hydraulic ditches and for irrigation work, for working underground in mines and in tunnel construction, where the power is electricity or compressed air. In fact it would be difficult to enumerate every class of service to which the Thew automatic shovel has been put during the last twenty years. In size the shovels range from a fifteen ton machine, to be operated by one man and built for such typical work as brick-yard and small excavation service, to the sixty-five ton digger-giant.

Unique features in design give the Thew shovel a place of prestige among machines of its type. Most important among these characteristics is what the Thew engineers call the "full swing" principle, by virtue of which a steam shovel of any type is enabled to describe with its boom and bucket a full circle. The shovel swings through a complete circle, delivering the excavated material at any desired point, either at the side or in the rear of the machine. The value of this feature is obvious. However, the feature most characteristic of the Thew machines is what is known as the "horizontal dipper crowding motion," or the "trolley motion." By this device the dipper bucket is carried directly forward without changing the angle of the bucket face with the ground. The advantages of this feature can also be readily understood by persons who are not practical engineers. There is a minimum of lost motion and power in the Thew excavator. This feature is of special advantage in street excavation and grading, since the dipper cleans a floor absolutely to the grade upon which the shovel is being operated.

Thus it is that the shovels which are performing a large share of the excavation work in the western continent are literally a Lorain product. It is also true that The Thew Automatic Shovel Company represents brains, organizing efficiency, industry and experience of a group of men. Their combined efforts, carried on through many years, have been crystallized within the towering walls that today enclose the home of the Thew steam shovel. More than twenty-two years ago Richard Thew turned his inventive genius to the creation of a steam shovel, designed for the handling of the ore and coal cargoes on the docks of lake ports. Thus the first Thew shovels were not excavation shovels at all, but were built primarily for unloading of cargoes. It is noteworthy that some of the modifications of standard shovels now in use include booms which make the Thew machine applicable for the work of clam shell buckets, there is another boom for use as a crane, there is a shovel with a sewer trench boom, especially adapted for the construction of trenches at considerable depth below the surface, and there are booms for handling of coke and for use in many other types of work.

The originator of these shovels was formerly a resident of Cleveland, and his first shovels were built in Cleveland shops. In recent years the machines turned out by the Lorain factory have been used almost over the entire civilized world. One of them was used in the building of the Panama Canal. They have been used for burrowing for gold upon the Arctic circle, they are helping to irrigate the deserts of New Mexico and other parts of the arid and semi-arid West, and they have been used for uncovering the granite in New Hampshire, for the mining of anthracite and bituminous coal, for the building of great tunnels.

It is therefore not difficult to understand that The Thew Automatic Shovel Company is one of Lorain's industrial foundation stones. Next

to the mammoth plant of The National Tube Company, the factory of the shovel company is the largest in the city. The buildings are located at the corner of East Twenty-eighth Street and Fulton Road and are admirably adapted to manufacturing purposes. They furnish a floor area of many thousands of square feet, and approximately 500 men are employed the year around. The buildings are of brick built around a skeleton work of steel, and they present massive architectural outlines and represent in their facilities for lighting, heating and ventilation the best the engineering world has to offer in a factory building design. In the equipment of machinery the last word has been said in the matter of the Thew plant.

The officers of this Lorain County corporation are: F. A. Smythe, president; Capt. Richard Thew, vice president and general manager; and E. M. Pierce, secretary and treasurer.

William Jaeger. The members of the Jaeger family have been identified with Lorain County for more than seventy years. Three generations have been represented here, and it is a representative of the third generation that William Jaeger has an important place as a farmer and general business man in the vicinity of Birmingham in Henrietta Township.

He is a native of Brownhelm Township, where he was born June 12, 1870, a son of John and Catherine (Able) Jaeger. Both branches of the family came from Germany, the grandfather, Adam Jaeger, was a German school teacher, a man of unusual education for his time, and after coming to America he located on a farm in Lorain County in 1843 and lived there until his death, being both prosperous and influential. The maternal grandfather of William Jaeger died in Germany. John Jaeger, the father, was born in Germany in 1837 and died in January, 1905. His wife was born in 1833 and died in June, 1905. They were married in Lorain County, and their five children are: Adam, yardmaster at Collinwood near Cleveland; George, who lives at South Euclid, Cleveland, and has a little farm laid out in city lots and is rapidly becoming prosperous; William; Elizabeth, wife of G. G. McIlraith, former chief of police of Collinwood; and Dora, wife of George P. Krapp, a butcher at Lorain. The parents were both members of the German Reformed Church and in politics the father was a democrat. He cleared up a large tract of land in Lorain County and was substantially fixed and prosperous in his later years, owning a farm of 138 acres on which he died.

William Jaeger had the usual environment of a country boy, attended the public schools at Brownhelm, and was reared and trained in farming pursuits. For thirteen years he worked a farm on the shares, and in 1912 moved to Henrietta Township and bought the eighty acres comprising his well improved and valuable homestead.

On February 24, 1895, Mr. Jaeger married Mary Akerman. She was born in Erie County, Ohio, a daughter of Martin Akerman, one of the early settlers of that county. To their marriage have been born two daughters: Dorothy, wife of Lewis Kreig, a farmer in Henrietta Township; and Minnie, living at home.

Mr. Jaeger and family are members of the German Reformed Church and he is affiliated with the Knights and Ladies of Security. In politics he has always been loyal to the democratic party, and in the fall of 1915 was elected trustee of Henrietta Township, an office to which he gives a full measure of his time and interest. His work is that of general farming, he also does some dairy business, and he has also developed a considerable enterprise in the sale of fertilizer, and during 1915 sold approximately $2,500 worth of that product.

E. C. Haning in his agricultural operations has adopted modern methods, and has acquired a full measure of returns from the labors he has expended upon his fine property near Wellington. While general farming has interested him principally, Mr. Haning has also done considerable stock raising, has given that branch considerable thought and study and is one of the thoroughly progressive men of Lorain County.

An Ohio man by birth, he was born in Meigs County, April 16, 1864, a son of Eli and Margaret (Spring) Haning. His paternal grandfather was Mathew Haning and his maternal grandfather Peter Spring. Eli Haning was born in the State of Ohio in 1801, about the time Ohio entered the Union and he thus represents one of the very oldest families in this section. For his first wife he married Abitha Gibson and had six children. His second wife, Miss Spring, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1823, and died in 1899. They were married in Meigs County, where Eli Haning had his home for many years. He died in 1875. His career was spent as a farmer and he acquired a large amount of land. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church and in politics he was a republican after the organization of that party. He and his second wife had nine children and the five living are: Nancy Jane, widow of Ezekiel Martin; John Peter, a farmer in Meigs County; Lusetta, wife of Robert Dixon, a farmer at Vinton, Ohio; Howard, a Meigs County farmer; and E. C. Haning.

Mr. Haning grew up on a farm, gained a district school education in Meigs County, and started his career as an independent farmer in that county. Later he sold his property there, bought a farm in Brighton Township of Lorain County, and some years later, in December, 1910, acquired his present estate. He has 125 acres in his farm, devotes it to general farming and dairy purposes, and he is regarded as one of the thoroughly substantial men of his community.

In 1893 he married Mary Evelyn Zimmerman, who was born in Morgan County, Ohio. They have two children. Elva is a teacher in Camden Township. The daughter, Irma, is still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Haning are active members of the Grange and in politics he is a republican.

Charles Albright. A resident of Lorain County since his boyhood, Mr. Albright is a representative of a family whose name has been worthily linked with the history of this county for the past sixty-five years, and, like his honored father before him, he is a prominent and substantial exponent of agricultural industry in the county, and has a finely improved homestead farm in Russia Township.

Mr. Albright was born in Germany, on the 27th of August, 1844, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine Albright, who continued their residence in their native land until 1851, when they immigrated to the United States and established their permanent home in Lorain County, Ohio. Here the father reclaimed and improved a good farm and became one of the prosperous and highly esteemed citizens of this favored section of the Buckeye State, where both he and his wife continued their residence until the time of their death. Frederick Albright was a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the democratic party but had no predilection for the honors or emoluments of public office, though he was ever ready to lend his co-operation in the furtherance of enterprises advanced for the general good of the community. Of the five children the subject of this review is the second in order of birth; Otto, the eldest of the number, is likewise one of the successful farmers of Lorain County; Frederick, Jr., Harmon and Henry also represent this sterling family as substantial farmers and progressive citizens of

Lorain County. The parents were folk whose lives were guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity and both were earnest communicants of the Lutheran Church.

Reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm, Charles Albright grew to maturity in Lorain County, which has been his home since he was a lad of about seven years and in which he has achieved success worthy of the name. He profited duly by the advantages of the public schools of the locality and period and as a youth he served a practical apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter, to which he continued to devote his attention for a period of twelve years. He was a successful contractor and builder during a considerable part of this time and in this connection it is specially worthy of note that since his retirement from the active work of his trade he has shown his technical skill and architectural taste by the erection of his fine farm residence, which is one of the model rural homes of the county.

Upon abandoning his activities as a carpenter and builder Mr. Albright purchased his present farm, which comprises seventy acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and upon which he has made his best of permanent improvements. His energy, progressiveness and good judgment have enabled him to win large and worthy success as a representative of the basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing and he has shown a lively interest in all that has concerned the progress and prosperity of the county that has been his place of residence for so many years and in which he has secure place in popular confidence and good will.

Mr. Albright accords a staunch allegiance to the democratic party but has shown no desire to enter the arena of practical politics. He is affiliated with both the lodge and encampment organizations of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational Church.

In June, 1871, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Albright to Miss Catherine Schwartz, who was born and reared in Russia Township, this county, and who is a daughter of the late Jacob Schwartz, one of the honored pioneers of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Albright have three children: Jacob is one of the progressive farmers of Lorain County; Ruth, of Elyria, this county; and Clarence remains at the parental home, as his father's valued assistant in the work and management of the farm. Generous prosperity has attended the earnest labors of Mr. Albright and he is a citizen well worthy of representation in this history.

Chambers D. Reamer. The record of an old soldier and of a solid business man is one that deserves the fullest possible record in this publication. Chambers D. Reamer was with an Ohio regiment during the Civil war, and for a great many years has been prominent in business affairs at Oberlin and elsewhere.

He was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1843, son of Daniel and Mary (Krill) Reamer. His paternal grandfather was Daniel Reamer, a native of Germany who came to the United States when quite young and located first in Pennsylvania and afterwards moved to Ohio during the decade of the '30s, settling in Wayne County, where he was a farmer. Mrs. Daniel Reamer was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1803, and died in 1884. Daniel Reamer himself was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1798 and died in 1871. They were married in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and in 1849 the family moved to Ohio and located in Wayne County, where Daniel Reamer followed his occupation as a weaver and as a farmer. During the course of the war in which several of his sons were soldiers he moved to the

vicinity of Oberlin in 1864, buying a small farm which he occupied and which he cultivated until his death. He was a man of quiet, unassuming disposition, was well read and educated, but never sought the conspicuous positions. He was a democrat, and a member of the First Congregational Church. Of six sons in the family the only one now living is Chambers D. Jacob, born January 29, 1827, was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville May 2, 1863, having left a wife and four small daughters to enter the army; Samuel, born September 6, 1828, served four years in the Civil war and died at the Ohio Soldiers' Home in 1913; Daniel Paul, born March 10, 1833, and died January 14, 1900, was employed in taking care of the wounded in front of Petersburg during the war, afterwards for many years was one of Oberlin's leading marchants; John Frederick was born September 10, 1838, and died in 1899. He was a four months soldier in the war; George Washington, born December 12, 1840, went through the war as a member of the Cleveland-Grays and died from the effects of the campaign on September 10, 1864.

Chambers D. Reamer received his early education in the public schools of Wayne County and had spent one term in Oberlin College when he responded to the call of patriotism and on August 11, 1862, enlisted in Company I of the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years, being in the army of the Cumberland, and taking part in all the leading campaigns and battles of that command of his own regiment. After the war Mr. Reamer spent another year in Oberlin College and then engaged in business with his brother, D. P. Reamer, in 1868, and the brothers were associated until 1871. He then continued in business with Mr. Eckert under the firm name of Reamer & Eckert until 1878. Having sold his interests at Oberlin, Mr. Reamer went on the road as traveling representative for the Art Metal Construction Company, and successfully promoted the business of that concern in various sections of the South, having his headquarters at Atlanta, Birmingham and Chattanooga. Altogether he was on the road for twenty-five years. In 1910 Mr. Reamer returned to Oberlin and has since employed his time in fire and life insurance and real estate business, and he promoted and developed the Reamer Addition to Oberlin.

On May 5, 1868, he married Miss Frances Cole, daughter of Stephen Cole, a well known and prominent citizen in this section of Lorain County. They have two children: Daniel Albert, who completed his education in Oberlin College, is now a young architect located at Cleveland; Robert is also an architect in Cleveland and has made a fine reputation for himself, having built some of the leading hotels in the National Park.

Mr. Reamer and wife are members of the First Congregational Church, fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World and in politics is a republican.

Eliab Wight Metcalf. Few families identified with Lorain County have contributed so many distinguished and useful workers in various fields to the world as the Metcalf family, still represented in the county by Irving W. Metcalf, prominent business man and religious worker at Oberlin; W. V. Metcalf of Oberlin, who has made a national and international reputation by his able and important work as a student of chemistry; Maynard M. Metcalf, also of Oberlin, who has only a less extended reputation as a zoologist; Dr. Henry M. Metcalf of Elyria; and John M. P. Metcalf, who for a number of years has been president of Talladega College in Alabama. Another member of the same family

is Gen. W. S. Metcalf, who for many years has been a business man in Kansas and made a gallant record as an officer in the Philippine war.

The family has been in America for nearly three centuries. Michael Metcalf, who headed the first American generation, was a manufacturer of tapestry at Norwich, England. He arrived in Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1637, having left England because of religious persecution, being a zealous nonconformist. He was one of the Yorkshire Metcalf family, whose name first appears in 1278 as Adam Called Medecalfe, and who was said to be the eighth in descent from the Dane Arkefrith who came to England with King Canute in 1016. Michael Metcalf's service in Dedham included in his later years teaching in the first public schoolhouse erected in this country. He married Sarah Elwyn, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Elwyn of Hingham, Norfolk County, England. The second generation was represented by Michael Metcalf, third child of Michael and Sarah Metcalf. He married Mary Fairbanks, daughter of John Fairbanks, Sr., who built the "Fairbanks House" at Dedham. In the third generation is Eleazar Metcalf, the fifth child of Michael and Mary, who married Meletia Fisher. Michael Metcalf, of the fourth generation, second child of Eleazar and Meletia, married Abigail Colburn. Peletia H. Metcalf, of the fifth generation, was the oldest child of Michael and Abigail, and married Hepzibah, daughter of Rev. Samuel Mann, who was the first minister of Wrentham. Peletia Metcalf, of the sixth generation, and the second child of Peletia and Hepzibah, married Lydia Estey of Thompson, Connecticut.

Isaac Metcalf, of the seventh generation, and the sixth child of Peletia and Lydia, was born at Royalston, Massachusetts, where he was a very successful teacher, both there and in adjacent towns, and later in Boston. Isaac Metcalf married for his first wife Lucy Heywood, daughter of Silas and Hannah (Goddard) Heywood. For his second wife he married Anna Mayo (Stevens) Rich, widow of Charles Rich of Warwick, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Wilder Stevens of Warwick and Elizabeth Mayo of Roxbury. Charles Wilder Rich, who lived on Sixteenth Street in Elyria, was the oldest child of Charles and Anna Mayo (Stevens) Rich, and was the father of George Rich, still living on the home place in Lorain County. Charles W. Rich married Albina S. Kittridge of Milo, Maine, and they moved to Elyria in 1865. The youngest child of Charles and Anna Mayo Rich was Anna Elizabeth Rich, who was born at Warwick, Massachusetts, was a teacher, first in a private school in Boston and then for twelve years in Bangor, Maine, was later assistant principal at Westfield Academy at Westfield, New York, and in charge of a young ladies seminary in Racine, Wisconsin. In 1853 she married Elijah DeWitt, M. D., of Elyria, and resided in Elyria until her death in 1897.

Anna Mayo Stevens Rich was one of the pupils of Isaac Metcalf in Warwick, Massachusetts, while a girl, and after her second husband's death she lived among her children in Elyria, where she died in 1866. Isaac and Anna Stevens Metcalf had four children, one of whom, the oldest, was Isaac Stevens Metcalf, who resided in Elyria, and was the father of Gen. W. S. Metcalf of Lawrence, Kansas, above referred to, and of Dr. Henry Martin Metcalf, also of Elyria, and father of John M. P. Metcalf, the educator above mentioned.

The fourth child of Isaac and Anna Stevens Metcalf was Eliab Wight Metcalf, whose name stands at the head of this article and who was thus in the eighth successive generation of the American branch of the family. From 1851 to 1865 E. W. Metcalf was in the lumber, ship chandlery and ship building business in Bangor, Maine. Though unable to join the army because of physical disability, he spent most of the time during the war with the army as confidential agent of President Lincoln

and in the Christian Commission service. After the war he removed with his family to Elyria, which was already the home of his brother Charles W. Rich and Isaac Stevens Metcalf and of his sister Anna Rich DeWitt. After coming to Lorain County he dealt in timber land, chiefly in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. Having lost a vessel burned by the English-built cruiser Shenandoah, he spent twelve winters in Washington urging that the forty-nine marine insurance companies who claimed many millions of the Geneva award, were entitled to nothing unless they could show actual loss above war premiums received. Congress finally adopted this view and the vessel owners were paid from the Geneva award all the actual losses caused by all the Confederate cruisers for which the losers had received no indemnity and also about a third of the proved losses by the payment of war insurance premiums. Having won this long fight Mr. Metcalf served as attorney before the court of claims collecting claims for many others as well as himself. In his twelve years' fight against the insurance companies he received practically no financial or other assistance. He was fighting for a principle, and a vigorous stand for justice and truth seems to have been a prevailing and dominating trait of character in the Metcalf family. He later had important lawsuits before the Supreme courts of Wisconsin and the United States, involving new principles of law which were carried to successful issues. He was from young manhood much interested in temperance legislation, first in Maine, later in Ohio. He aided in organizing the Anti-Saloon League and wrote the local option bill which has been the basis of the local option legislation in many states. From 1880 until his death in 1899 he was a trustee of Oberlin College. Throughout his life he was, with his wife, active in church work, local missionary work and philanthropy. From its organization he was a member of the republican party, always avoiding office himself, but influential in its councils in early days in Bangor and later in Elyria effective in overthrowing local bosses. Among his friends were many of the most prominent figures in our national life.

E. W. Metcalf married Eliza Maria Ely, daughter of Rev. William and Harriet (Whiting) Ely, and descended from a long line of ministers and physicians, most of whom were graduates of Yale University. Her parents lived at Easthampton, Massachusetts. Before her marriage Mrs. Metcalf was "lady principal of Williston Seminary." E. W. Metcalf and wife were, during their residence in Bangor, members of the Central Avenue Congregational Church, and afterwards of the First Congregational Church of Elyria. They became the parents of five children, Irving W., Lucy H., Edith Ely, Wilmot V. and Maynard M.

Irving W. Metcalf, the oldest child, was born at Bangor, Maine, November 27, 1855, grew up in Lorain County, graduated A. B. from Oberlin College in 1878, subsequently pursuing his studies in the Andover Theological Seminary during 1879-80, and in 1881 graduated with the Divinity degree from Oberlin Theological Seminary. He was ordained for the Congregational ministry in 1882, served as pastor of a church in Columbus from 1881 to 1889, of Hough Avenue Church in Cleveland 1889 to 1894, as associate pastor of Pilgrim Church in Cleveland from 1894 to 1897, and though still continuing an influential connection with church affairs has since been in business. He was located at Lawrence, Kansas, from 1897 to 1899, and from that date in Elyria until 1892 and since then at Oberlin. He is president of the Duane Building Company, secretary of the Middleburg Stone Company, a director of the Elyria Savings and Banking Company, director of the Winton Motor Carriage Company of Cleveland, president of the S. Mills Ely Company of Binghamton, New York. From 1892 to 1897 he served as secretary of the Congregational City Missionary Society of Cleveland

and of the Ohio Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief. He was moderator of the Congregational Association of Ohio in 1902, and since 1898 has been chairman of the church property committee of the National Council of Congregational churches. He is a trustee of Oberlin College, a trustee of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, a trustee of Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute at Salonica, Turkey, and a trustee of the Oberlin Missionary Home Association. He is secretary of the Living Endowment Union of Oberlin College and a corporate member of the A. B. C. F. M. He is well known in Cleveland where he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the National Municipal League, the Religious Educational Association, the National Geographic Society, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He married May 20, 1885, Flora Belle Mussey of Elyria.

Lucy Heywood Metcalf, the second child, married Rev. Augustus G. Upton, who was a teacher in Oberlin College, then a Congregational pastor and later president of Weiser Academy in Idaho, but is now deceased.

Edith Ely Metcalf was a student of art for some years at Boston, London and Paris, and is now living in Chicago, where she has built a home including rooms for a free kindergarten and has done much service among the poor of that city.

Wilmot V. Metcalf, who graduated A. B. and M. A. from Oberlin College and Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins University, afterwards continuing his studies in physical chemistry in Wuerzburg, Bavaria, and in Leipsic, served as professor of chemistry in Carleton College in Minnesota, professor of physics at Fisk University in Tennessee, and is now engaged in private study of chemistry at his home in Oberlin. November 4, 1889, he married Caroline G. Soule of Taunton, Massachusetts, who for a time was a teacher of Greek in Wellesley and also a teacher in the American missionary schools in the South.

Maynard M. Metcalf, the youngest of the children, was born at Elyria, March 12, 1868, graduated A. B. from Oberlin College in 1889, and received his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Johns Hopkins University in 1893. He also has the honorary degree D. Sc. from Oberlin. From 1893 to 1906 he was associate professor and professor of biology in the Woman's College of Baltimore, was for several years professor of biology in Oberlin College, but is now engaged in the private study of zoology at his home in Oberlin. He is a trustee of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the American Society of Zoologists, of the American Society of Naturalists, the Biological Society of Washington, the Ohio Academy of Science, the National Geographic Society, the National Municipal League, the National Council of the National Economic League, the American Economic Association, the Western Economic Association, and also belongs to the Authors Club of London. He has contributed scientific articles to both American and German publications and is author of "An Outline of the Theory of Organic Evolution." September 10, 1890, he married Ella M. Wilder of Elgin, Illinois.

Edgar Franklin Rosecrans. For fully forty years Mr. Rosecrans has been one of the progressive and enterprising business men of Lorain County. He has been known as a butcher and retail meat dealer, as a successful farmer, a buyer and dealer in livestock, and his friends assert that he makes a success of every undertaking.

He was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, April 3, 1853, a son of Franklin and Frances (Hines) Rosecrans. Both parents were natives of St. Lawrence County where the father was born in 1816 and

the mother in 1821. They were married in New York State and came to Lorain County in 1865, locating in Russia Township, where the father died in 1882 and the mother in 1891. Franklin Rosecrans bought 100 acres in Russia Township, and by much hard work cleared up and improved this place and was very successful. He had brought with him to Ohio a capital of about $4,000 and by good judgment as a farmer steadily prospered until his estate represented a much higher value at the time of his death. He was a republican in politics, active in public affairs, and his wife was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their fourteen children nine are still living, and Edgar F. was fifth in order of birth. The maternal grandfather Hines, who spent his life in New York State, was an old time school teacher, and was proficient not only in the arts of instruction in the fundamentals but was also a noted writing or penmanship teacher in the early days.

Edgar Franklin Rosecrans was about twelve years of age when his parents came to Lorain County, and finished his education here in the district schools and also the schools in Oberlin. From early boyhood he showed special inclination for the handling of live stock, and he soon began buying and also became an expert butcher.

On December 7, 1876, he married Miss Ida M. Beam, a daughter of Peter Beam. Mrs. Rosecrans was born in Lorain County, and is the mother of seven children: Louise, wife of Lewis Morris, a butcher at Oberlin; Jesse, who is in the butcher business at Oberlin; Jennie, wife of Jesse Harris of Toledo; Arthur, who is a very prosperous stockman in the State of Idaho; Elmer, also in the stock business at Idaho; Gertrude, who lives with her brothers in Idaho; Ralph, who is employed as feeder of lambs for his brother in Idaho, and often has had the superintendence of as high as 2,200 lambs in a single season.

Mr. Rosecrans and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Maccabee and in politics is a republican. A short time before his marriage he bought a farm in Russia Township, but later traded that for a 200-acre place in Carlisle Township, which was his home for five years. Selling out, he returned to the vicinity of Oberlin, and has since enjoyed one of the finest country homes in Lorain County, situated about a mile south of the college center. In 1910 he put up his beautiful two-story house, and he also has a number of substantial farm buildings. His farm there comprises about ninety-six acres. For many years he operated a slaughter house on his farm and for twenty years he sold meat over the country from wagons, after which he established a meat market in Oberlin and continued the business actively for a number of years. He now gives most of his time to buying and selling stock and is one of the largest stock dealers in this section of Ohio. Among other property he owns seven good lots in Elyria and one in the City of Lorain.

Capt. Richard Thew. At the age of sixty-eight years, with the vigorous step and active mind of a man of fifty, Capt. Richard Thew still attends to the duties of his large interests, and keeps himself abreast in knowledge and sympathy of the new generation. One of the best known figures in shipping circles of Lake Erie, he is prominent also among the manufacturers of Ohio, and at Lorain has been active in the development of several industries that have been material contributors to the business prestige of this thriving and prosperous city.

Captain Thew was born in Marion County, Ohio, October 27, 1847, and is a son of William P. and Susan (Davis) Thew, natives of Lincolnshire, England, who in Ohio were engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Richard Thew was educated in the public schools and until reaching his twenty-sixth year was engaged in assisting his father in the work of the homestead place. He has always possessed a predilection for mechanics and much natural ability in that direction, and when he left the home farm secured a position with a manufacturing company at Ashland, where he remained one year. He next purchased an interest in a hardware and machinery business at Caledonia, Ohio, which he conducted for fourteen years, and then began building steamers on Lake Erie, including his own vessel, the freight steamer William P. Thew, an iron ore boat operating out of Lorain. It was while he was the owner of this vessel that he began the development of the harvesting and binding machinery, and in 1899 he came from Cleveland and established his plant at Lorain, this business including the manufacture of various kinds of machinery for large companies. In 1898 Mr. Thew became the organizer of the Thew Automatic Shovel Company, of which he has since been vice president and manager, and erected a plant 75 by 200 feet. There, in the first year, the company employed fifty men and built twelve shovels, but to give an idea of the growth of the business, in 1915 the concern employed 400 men, mostly skilled labor, and manufactures 250 shovels. The present plant is 75 by 800 feet, while the new pressed brick office building is 45 by 65 feet, and two stories in height. Mr. Thew was the organizer also of the Lorain Casting Company, of which he is vice president and manager, and is well known in banking circles of Lorain as president of the Lorain Banking Company. He has always taken a keen interest in development work, both in Ohio and California, in which latter state half of his time is passed. In 1901 Mr. Thew went to Alaska, where, with others, he became interested in mining ventures, and in the Nome district developed several good and valuable properties. He is president of the board of trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Lorain.

On October 14, 1873, Mr. Thew was married to Miss Sarah Priscilla Lawrence, of Marion County, Ohio, daughter of Rev. Richard Lawrence, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To this union there have been born three daughters: Susan Priscilla, who resides with her parents; Carol Belle, who is the wife of James R. Fauver, of Exeter, California, manager of various California properties and owner of several orange groves; and Edna Lawrence, who died at the age of twenty-four years.

George Frederick Wright, A. M., D. D., LL. D., F. G. S. A., the son of Walter and Mary Peabody Colburn Wright, was born January 22, 1838, in Whitehall, Washington County, New York. His boyhood was spent on a farm near the head of Lake Champlain, amid scenes replete with reminiscences of the struggle between the French and English to take possession of Lake George and with those of Burgoyne's campaign. His preparation for college was made at the seminary at Castleton, Vermont. While but sixteen years old he taught his first district school in Hampton, New York, near the residence of the celebrated William Miller, who created such a sensation throughout the country by prophesying the end of the world in 1843 to 1848.

In the fall of 1855, Mr. Wright entered the freshman class at Oberlin College, where he received the degree of A. B. in 1859. During his college course he taught winter district schools in Franklin, Madison, Fayette, and Belmont counties, thus early becoming familiar with the varied interests of Ohio. Immediately after graduating from college he entered the theological seminary at Oberlin, in the class that graduated in 1862. But on the outbreak of the war in 1861 he enlisted in

Company C of the Seventh Ohio Volunteers. Early in the service a severe attack of pneumonia left him in such physical debility that he was discharged at the end of five months. On completing his theological course in 1862 he was married, August 28th, to Huldah Maria Day, daughter of Judge William Day of Sheffield, Lorain County, thus cementing still further his interest in the State of Ohio.

For the next nine years and a half, or until June, 1872, he was pastor of the Congregational Church in Bakersfield, Vermont, a township in the northwest corner of the state at the foot of the Green Mountains, and not far from the Canada line. Here in addition to his pastoral duties he pursued a comprehensive course of private study, reading his Bible through in Hebrew and in Greek, translating from the German Kant's "Critique of the Pure Reason," and from the Greek large portions of Plato's "Dialogues." Meanwhile, he was taking an active part in the agricultural interests of his parish and spending his spare time in studying the geology of the Champlain and the St. Lawrence valleys, giving the results of his studies in the local newspapers and at the same time attracting the attention of geologists outside the state. Before leaving Bakersfield he published his first important article in periodical literature, in the New Englander, the organ of Yale College. This was upon "The Ground of Confidence in Inductive Reasoning." This attracted wide attention, being highly commended in leading Scotch periodicals.

In June, 1872, he accepted a call to one of the Congregational churches in Andover, Massachusetts, where he at once came into intimate relations with the professors of Andover Theological Seminary, which was then in the height of its career. By the invitation of Prof. Edwards A. Park he began a series of contributions to the Bibliotheca Sacra, the oldest and one of the most learned of the theological quarterlies in America, establishing a connection with this quarterly which has continued to the present time. Meanwhile, a scientific problem of great interest and importance connected with the Glacial Period was awaiting solution within a short distance of his parsonage. This was a series of gravel deposits, known as Indian Ridge, which had been described by President Hitchcock in a paper before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1842 and later in his popular text-book on geology. These ridges he considered to be of marine origin, and this explanation was accepted until the appearance of Mr. Wright's explanation in 1875, when in a paper before the Essex Institute in Salem, Massachusetts, he pronounced them of glacial origin, marking lines of drainage in the closing stages of the period when stagnant ice continued to determine its course. This explanation was at once accepted and applied to deposits known in Europe as "kames" or "eskers." In 1876 a detailed statement of the facts leading to this explanation was made in a paper published by the Boston Society of Natural History entitled, "Some Remarkable Gravel Ridges in the Merrimac Valley;" and which at the same time announced a discovery, just made and communicated to Mr. Wright by Clarence King, of the great terminal moraine which borders southern New England. A year or two later a full report of these investigations was incorporated in the third volume of the New Hampshire Geological Survey.

In the summer of 1880 Mr. Wright was invited by Professor Lesley, the head of the Pennsylvania Geological Survey, to trace this moraine across that state. This he did in company with Mr. H. Carvill Lewis. The results of this survey were published as volume Z of the Pennsylvania report. Meanwhile, in 1880, Warren F. Draper, of Andover, published for Mr. Wright "The Logic of Christian Evidences," which

has had extensive use as a text-book, six editions having been called for, amounting to several thousand copies. At the same time a collection of his essays was made and published two years later entitled, "Studies in Science and Religion." His statement in this of the Darwinian theory was pronounced by Darwin to be "most clear and powerful," while Profs. Asa Gray and J. D. Dana were constantly conferring with him in his attempts to adjust the relations between science and revelation. During the latter years of his residence in Andover he was a trustee of the Boston Society of Natural History, and in intimate relations with the eminent scientific men composing that society.

In 1881 Mr. Wright was called to the chair of New Testament Language and Literature in Oberlin Seminary. As this position afforded him three or four months' vacation in the summer, he was able to employ that leisure in exploring the glacial boundary west of Pennsylvania. This he did under the auspices of the Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland, whose president was Col. Charles C. Whittlesey, and its secretary Judge C. C. Baldwin. Through the efforts of Judge Baldwin and of his brother, D. C. Baldwin—both of Elyria—funds were raised to pay the expenses of this survey through the following three years, at which time it was carried to the Mississippi River. Thus the glacial boundary between the Delaware and Mississippi rivers, which appears on all geological maps, is the result of Mr. Wright's field work.

His first report was published by the Western Reserve Historical Society as Tract Number 60, entitled, "The Glacial Boundary in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky." Subsequently the United States Geological Survey employed him to complete various details of the survey and published his report in Bulletin Number 58, entitled, "The Glacial Boundary in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois." Meanwhile, besides publishing two volumes in the direct line of his professorship, namely, "The Relation of Death to Probation," in 1882, and "The Divine Authority of the Bible," in 1884, Mr. Wright led an expedition to Alaska in 1886, where he spent a month in camping beside the great Muir Glacier, and brought back with him the first detailed report upon any of the Alaskan glaciers. Here the United States authorities have attached his name to both a mountain and a glacier. The facts were so remarkable that his report secured for him an invitation to give a course of Lowell Institute lectures in Boston in 1887. Later, after having been given in Baltimore and other cities, these were expanded into a volume of 800 pages, entitled, "The Ice Age in North America and Its Bearing upon the Antiquity of Man," published by the Appletons in 1889 and the fifth edition by Bibliotheca Sacra Company in 1911. In 1891 Houghton, Mifflin and Company published for him the life of "Charles Grandison Finney." In 1892 there appeared in the International Scientific Series his "Man and the Glacial Period," which has passed through several editions.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wright spent one summer in the Rocky Mountains, and another in Europe, where he was warmly welcomed by the geologists both of England and of the Continent. In 1894 Mr. Wright and his son, Frederick B., accompanied Frederick A. Cook in his ill-fated expedition to Greenland, where they were wrecked at Sukkertoppen, near the Arctic Circle. However, excellent opportunity was afforded to survey a portion of the great Greenland icefields that came down to Ikamiut Fiord, where the Danish survey has subsequently honored him by attaching his name to one of the most prominent nunataks in that region. The results of this expedition were recorded in "Greenland Icefields and Life in the North Atlantic; with a new Discussion of the Causes of the Ice Age," D. Appleton and Company, 1896. In 1892 Mr. Wright

was invited to give another course of Lowell Institute lectures in Boston on the "Origin and Antiquity of Man," which twenty years later, in 1912, were expanded and rewritten and published in an illustrated volume of 600 pages by Bibliotheca Sacra Company. Again in 1896 another course of Lowell Institute lectures was given on "Scientific Aspects of Christian Evidences," elaborated into a volume and published the following year by D. Appleton and Company. Meanwhile, in 1892, he had been transferred to a special professorship of the Harmony of Science and Revelation.

In 1900 Mr. Wright and his son, Frederick B., crossed the continent of Asia for the purpose of investigating the glacial phenomena supposed to exist in that region. On the way, six weeks were spent in giving scientific lectures in the principal centers of Japan, in recognition of which he was made one of the three foreign members of the Japanese Imperial Education Society. Crossing over to China they organized an expedition during the month of May which went from Peking to Kalgan and from Kalgan into the eastern portions of Mongolia, demonstrating the absence of glacial phenomena in that region. Returning to Peking they left the city on the last train before the breaking out of the Boxer Revolution. Crossing over to Port Arthur they were forwarded by Admiral Alexieff on a construction train which took them as far as Teling, a short distance beyond Mukden. From there they were forwarded 200 miles in Chinese carts, being entertained from time to time by the engineers who were constructing the railroad, and being guided and guarded from one section to another by Cossack soldiers, to the other terminus of the road, 100 miles south of Harbin. Thence, after going down the Sungari River to Khabarovsk and by rail to Vladivostok and back again, in July they started up the Amur River, all in ignorance of the progress of the revolution in China. At Vladivostok they paid $8 to send home by cable two words announcing their safety. But at Blagovestchensk they were detained a week during the bombardment of the city by the Chinese army which was investing it. Escaping from the city, they boarded, twenty miles above, a steamer which had been used to bring down Russian troops and was to return empty, and after two weeks reached the Siberian Railroad at Stretensk. Following this road 2,000 miles with pauses and short detours on the way, they left it at Omsk, and having ascended the Irtish River by steamer 200 miles, they bought a tarantass and drove 1,400 miles along the border of the Tianshan Mountains to Tashkend, in Turkestan. Thence by the Transcaspian Railroad, with various pauses along the way (the longest of which was at Samarkand), they crossed the Caspian Sea, reaching the western shore at Baku, the great oil center of Russia. Thence, going through the Transcaucasus region, and pausing a while at Tiflis, they passed on to Batum on the Black Sea and thence to Trebizond, where they made a most important and significant discovery of a recently abandoned shore line 750 feet above the present level of the sea—indicating a recent elevation of the land to that extent. Returning to Tiflis, and crossing over the Caucasus Mountains by the celebrated Dariel Pass, they went on northward to Moscow and St. Petersburgh and thence to Odessa, taking, on the way, Kiev, where remarkable remains of glacial man had been discovered. The remainder of their trip took in Constantinople, Beirut, a horseback journey of ten days from Damascus to Jerusalem, an excursion to the southern end of the Dead Sea, a trip up the Nile to Assouan, a visit to Naples, Palermo, Rome, Florence, Paris and England. After fourteen months they reached home, having traveled, without accident, by every possible mode of conveyance, a distance of 44,000 miles. The results of this expedition appeared in papers pub-

lished in the Journal of the London Geological Society, in the bulletins of the Geological Society of America, in McClure's Magazine, in the Review of Reviews, and in a series of articles in the New York Nation; and all is summed up in two highly illustrated volumes on "Asiatic Russia," published by McClure, Phillips & Company in 1902.

His first wife having died in 1899, Mr. Wright was married a second time, in 1904, to Miss Florence Eleanor Bedford of Springboro, Warren County, Ohio, and with her has made two visits to Europe. During the first they visited England, Denmark and Sweden; spent six weeks in Russia, visiting there St. Petersburgh, Moscow, Rostoff on the Don and the Crimea; and thence went to Constantinople, Smyrna and Beirut, from which an expedition was made also to the terminal moraine on which the cedars of Lebanon are growing, and a visit was made to Baalbek and Damascus. In returning home, Egypt, Italy and Northern France were visited. In the second visit, Holland, Belgium and Northern France were visited preliminary to a six months' stay in Southern England, where glacial studies were continued.

In 1904 Mr. Wright was invited to give the Stone lectures at Princeton on "Scientific Confirmations of Old Testament History," the substance of which appeared in a volume under that title published by Bibliotheca Sacra Company in 1906 and the third edition in 1913. This has been translated into Dutch, Swedish and German, and an edition has been sold in England.

The latest literary works of Professor Wright have been a small volume entitled, "See Ohio First," and the editing of the present history of Lorain County. Meanwhile he has been for twenty-five years a member, and for the last six years president, of the Ohio State Archæological and Historical Society, whose museums at Columbus and Fremont are among the most interesting and creditable institutions of the state, and indeed of the whole country. During the last thirty-two years, also, he has been the editor of Bibliotheca Sacra, the oldest theological quarterly of the country, now in its seventy-third year, and for twelve years associated with his son in Washington as editor of Records of the Past. In conducting Bibliotheca Sacra he is supported by the ablest and most advanced scholars in Germany, Holland, Sweden, Great Britain, and the United States, in the defense of the historical truth of the Bible. For eight years he has been relieved from professional duties in college, receiving a Carnegie pension. He is in vigorous health, and hopes to accomplish much more in the completion of the literary work for which his experience has prepared him.

He had four children by his first wife, all of whom are living—Mary Augusta (Berle) now in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Frederick Bennett in Washington, D. C.; Etta Maria, helping him at home; and Helen Marcia, engaged in settlement work.

In 1887 Mr. Wright was made Doctor of Laws (LL. D.) by Drury College, and Doctor of Divinity (D. D.) by Brown University. He is one of the charter members of the Geological Society of America (F. G. S. A.).

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